

**ATWOOD NEW**

A TIME OF OUR LIVES  
1952

Lots of luck to  
a swell fellow  
~~Harold Campbell~~  
"54"

Good luck to a  
good kid I'd think.  
yours Edgcomb  
"54"

Good luck  
to a  
swell guy  
"54"

Lots of Luck  
to a attorney  
fellow  
Wukukuhapekhi)  
Richard Lucas



Good Luck to a fellow convict  
Harold Campbell

Good luck to a  
swell guy  
"Lefty" S.  
"54"

No foolin if you didn't  
mess around so much you  
would really be good in art  
work. Why don't you forget the  
Martians before them. Pat Mealey  
you with them.

Best of luck  
your son wife  
"54"

Richard Milago  
Lots of luck  
to a swell guy  
Duane Stevens

Jots of luck in the  
future Richard  
GillBinner  
54 I hope

Best of wishes,  
remembers our 4th  
period gym class.  
Hope you have fun  
the rest of your years

Dick Brown  
"54"

To a boy who thinks he can draw  
His only one thing a big black flaw.  
His pen is greater than his hand  
His first art job will give him the can.  
He is a pretty good fellow,  
So when he draw besides to much yellow.  
So end this poem which is a mess  
I tell you your the artist best of M.H.S.

Best of luck  
to my old Biology  
cheater. D- or bust  
Wayne Lemmons  
To a nice pest  
in English, Art, and Bus.  
and Biology  
Mildred  
"54" (I hope)

Flowers are Red  
Violets are Blue  
I wish I could draw  
I'll bet you wish you could too

Naren Beasley

Best of luck "54"  
to your self "54"  
Bill S. Brownback

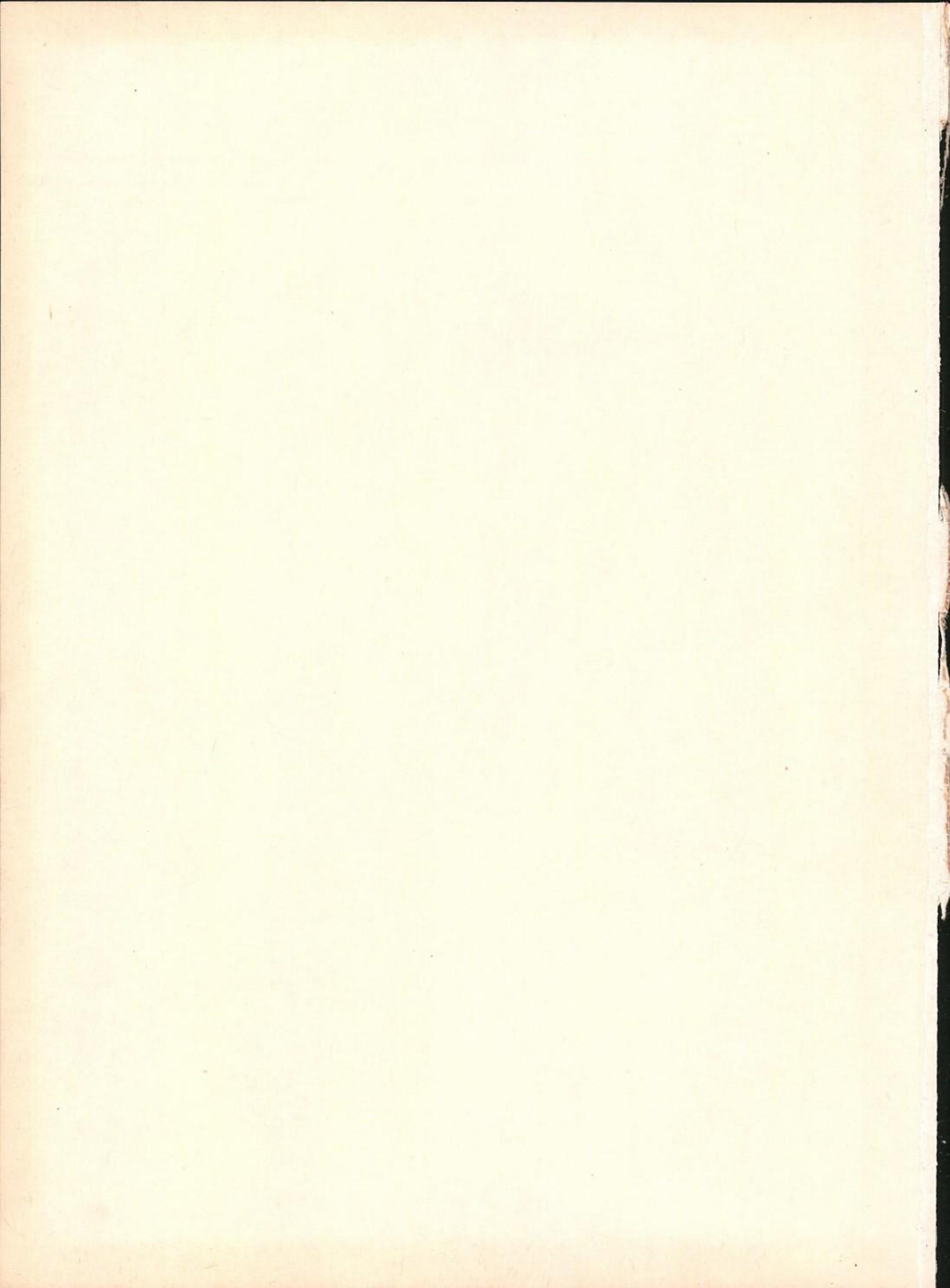
Sorts of Luck  
to a fellow slave  
Sally Murray  
"54"

Sorts of Luck  
to a nice guy.

Bob Worsley  
"54"

Best wishes  
to a fellow  
Biology slave.

Dorothy Lee  
"54"



*To our Alma Mater,  
Mendota High School,  
where during the past  
four years we have had  
**THE TIME OF OUR**  
**LIVES**, we affectionately  
dedicate this Atodnem.*

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Presented by the Class of 1952

# *MENDOTA HIGH SCHOOL*

MENDOTA, ILLINOIS



A Fine Time Was Had by All

*Tempus Fugit -  
Time Flies*

**WE HAD THE BEST**

*TIME OUT*

**TIME MARCHES ON**

*KILL TIME*

Know the true value of time;  
snatch, seize, and enjoy  
every moment of it. No  
idleness, no laziness, no pro-  
crastination: never put off till  
tomorrow what you can do  
today.

To the true teacher,  
time's hour-glass  
should still run  
gold-dust

# OUR TIMES

FATHER TIME

*Once upon a time —*

TIME OF OUR LIVES

Now is the time  
for all good men to come to the aid of the party

These are the times  
that try men's souls.

*Backward, turn backward,  
O Time in your flight!  
Make me a child again, just  
for tonight!*

As Time Goes By

Time is measured  
by achievement not  
by the face of the  
clock.

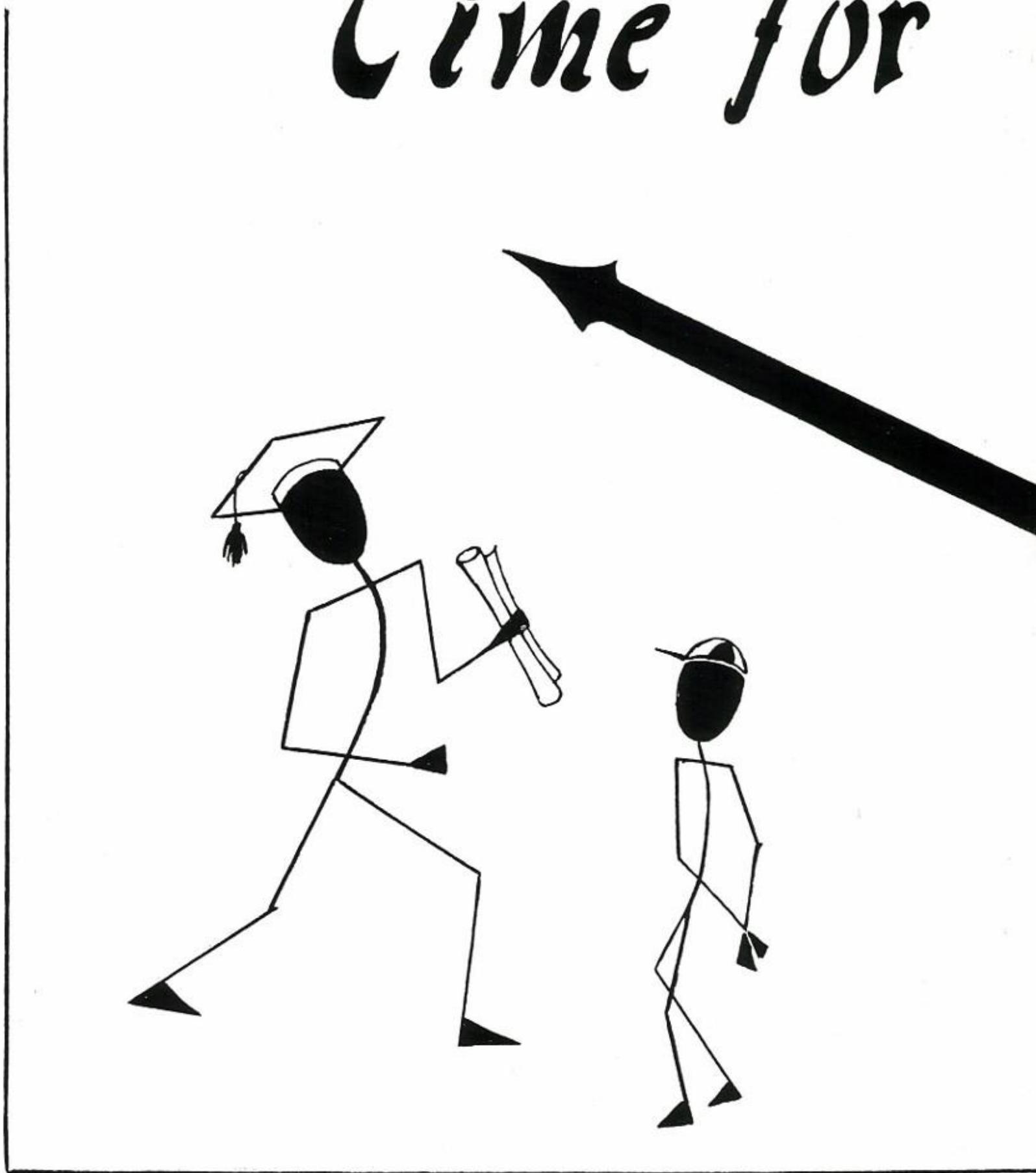
Keep Time

*Having a wonderful time —  
Wish you were here*

*Till the End of Time...*

**SENIORS** **OFFICERS** **HISTORY** **PHOTOS**

*Time for*



**JUNIORS**

**SOPHMORES**

**FRESHMEN**

*Being...*



**OFFICERS**

**HOMEROOMS**

**SNAPS**

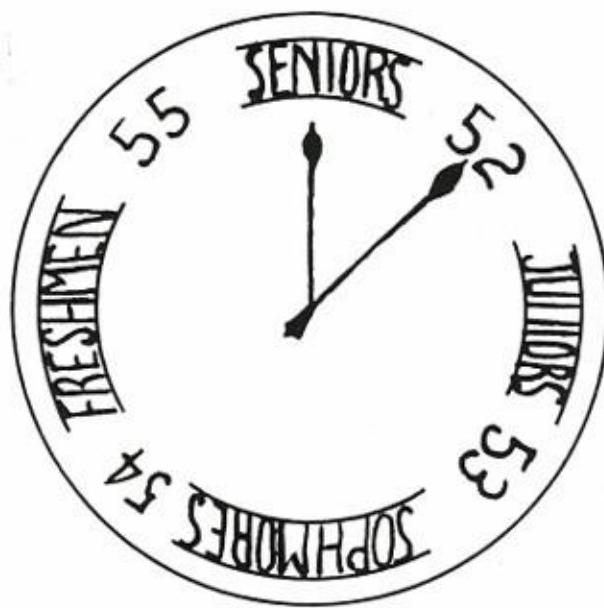
# SENIORS



SENIOR OFFICERS

STANDING: Miss Swanson, Mr. Mauntel, Miss Breese, Miss Brown, advisers  
SEATED: D. Ohlinger, Sec.-Treas., R. Leiser, Pres., J. Roach, Vice-Pres.

## SENIOR HISTORY — *Turning*



FRESHMEN—it's TIME to begin! "How low can you get?" they say. That's true, but we all have to start there some time, so—let's get started!

Boy, were we nervous that first awful day in September of 1948! (You see, we're the class of '52.) We certainly appreciated those "big" student council members, who showed us where to go to our classes, because the place didn't look at all that big from the outside.

But the nearly one hundred "freshies" soon caught on—even how to open their lockers—and it wasn't long before everyone knew everyone else—almost. The main reason was that they were really active. Yes, we made ourselves known in all the organizations—FFA, FHA, GAA, debate; and we

were a strong part of the short life of the Latin club. When squeaks were heard from the band room, or a "solo" in chorus, you could be quite sure that our mistakes were forgiven, for we were just learning.

Of course the boys went out for football. Even though the sophomores had the advantages, before the year was over the freshmen could take it, too, for three of them won their letters. (They wondered if the team could have won the conference championship—as it did—without them.) When basketball season came, the freshmen had their own team—the "Trojettes." They were really enthused about it and won well over half their games.

But don't think we didn't study. There was plenty of slaving over the infernal "x" (algebra, of course) and the confounded conjugations of our Roman forefathers; (at least we remember "amo, amas, amat"). And don't forget the bones of "Gravel Gertie".

At homecoming time we selected Betty Mathesius as queen of our class, and Janice Pohl and Dorothy Bruck as her attendants.

After having time to get acquainted, we chose our officers. Jack Keefe was president; Evelyn Sollitt, vice-president; and Joan Truckenbrod, secretary-treasurer. Of course we chose four representatives in student council—Evelyn Sollitt, Janice Pohl, Dora Lee Rider, and DeLores Preston. Our advisers—Miss Pottinger, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Norton—were instrumental in the guidance of the class.

Besides homecoming, we had our freshman party for social life, and that pretty well ended our first year at MHS.

**SOPHOMORES**—this TIME we're "upper" lowerclassmen! The first day is "more like it". Maybe the freshmen ask you to help them. Don't you feel "bigger"?

Soon petitions were circulated, ballots formed, and our second election held. Results? The president was Pat Phalen; he was assisted by Joyce Roach, vice-president and Lorna May Schlesinger, secretary-treasurer. Jim Gehler joined the four girls (poor Jim!) representing us in student council. The advisers were Mr. and Mrs. Doenier, Mr. Pourchot, and Miss Mabel Brown.

Before long came football and—homecoming! This year we were to have a king and queen—Max Fayen and Orrie Spenader—and an attendant for each—Ralph Gibson and Celia Hoover. The float was a "snazzy" convertible decorated in the class colors—green and white.

As for football—gee, were we proud! The Jay Tees won the conference title again. Incidentally, they lost only one game—and that by just one point. What a heartbreaker! Then when basketball came, we had reason to be proud of our team again. No—no title this time. But they won a pleasing majority of the contests.

This year some of us fought with Caesar (literally, or otherwise), constructed triangles, and dissected "things". (One girl was heard to say: "Don't touch it! You'll hurt it.")

## *back the hands of TIME . . .*

### JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

BACK ROW: E. Jewel, J. Truckenbrod, D. Ohlinger, L. Dunn, Mr. Moogk, D. Rider, J. Klein

MIDDLE ROW: H. Oberholz, S. Scherger, D. Preston, J. Pohl, V. Young, J. Dougherty

FRONT ROW: J. Roach, B. Schwingle, E. Sollitt, L. Thompson, T. Auchstetter



# *Do you SENIORS*

One of the outstanding events of the year was selecting our class rings. "I can't decide which one I want." Where am I gonna get the money?" And later, "Let's see yours." We were just the second ones to get ours our sophomore year.

To climax our sophomore year, we were asked to serve at the prom. (Of course we knew they'd ask us, but it still was rather thrilling.)

JUNIORS—now the TIME has come when we are upperclassmen! But we still need a little supervision (at least they seem to think so); therefore, the advisers who led us through a busy and difficult year were Miss Payne, Mrs. Elsesser, Mrs. Bryant, and Mr. Norton. The officers—DeLores Preston, president; Ralph Gibson, vice-president; Sandra Scherger, secretary-treasurer—deserve a great deal of thanks for the way they responded to all the responsibilities placed upon them. We were sorry, however, to lose Ralph to the Navy during the year. Howard Schmidt was chosen to join the student council.

Our class was still important in keeping all the activities "going strong." Several became officers of organizations; some excelled in debate, speech, and dramatic work; others participated in music activities.

But, again, studies were not neglected—always. We all remember "digging up" our ancestors—for our autobiographies, naturally. Maybe the chemistry classes didn't learn how to split an atom, but they surely did a good job of "stinking out" the rest of the students.

This year for homecoming each class had a queen and a king. Guess who ours were! That's right—Dora Lee Rider and Leonard Dunn. How did you know? You must have been there, too.

Speaking of football (we were mentioning homecoming) we were pretty proud again. Now our boys are Trojans—big "varsity men." And gee—were they good! Champs, in fact. Yes, they won for MHS the southwest division of the North Central Conference.

The Trojans played some really "upsetting" basketball. Over half the games were won. They unexpectedly beat high-rated DePue during the season, and then—in the finals of the regional tourney—almost stopped them again.

Remember "Our Miss Brooks"? This was our first chance at "professional" drama—the junior class play. The main "character" was Janice Pohl, who was admired by her angelic (???) students. Remember all the complications—in the plot, of course. Really, it was quite a success, if we do say so ourselves.

After long meetings, much strain on the brain, and a lot of hard work, our prom was a huge success. (And that's no exaggeration.) We set a new record for attendance. We had to hand it to the seniors for being so sociable and co-operative. The theme was "Neptune's Nocturne", and the dance floor was decorated to resemble the bottom of the sea. The other end of the gym—where we ate—was "aboard ship." Were you one of those who gasped upon looking at the menu? The mock "sea gulls" tasted O.K., though.

SENIORS—the TIME had come! That's right; we're the biggest "wheels" now. The first day, we're on the giving end of advice and help to the freshmen, instead of as it was three years ago. Yes, we're pretty thrilled to be seniors. We took up the business of the year in a really experienced manner. Serving as president was Dick Leiser. Joyce Roach was vice-president, and Darlene Ohlinger,



PROM CHAIKMEN

BACK ROW: R. Sibigroth, H. Schmidt, R. Leiser, C. Rich, J. Truckenbrod

THIRD ROW: S. Scherger, J. Roach, D. Rider, D. Preston, P. Mealey, D. Olson

SECOND ROW: Mr. Norton, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Elsesser, Miss Payne, Mr. Mann.

FRONT ROW: E. Jewel, M. Harris, P. McLaughlin, B. Spanier

# *remember when ? . . .*



secretary-treasurer. We selected Leonard Dunn as our seventh and final representative to student council. (Now we have three boys with our four girls.) Our very capable advisers were Miss Breese, Miss Swanson, Miss Brown, and Mr. Mauntel.

Remember how Pat Mealey and Jim Gehler marched out on the football field that night? They were the seniors in the homecoming court. It was quite an elaborate ceremony—and a swell dance. Oh—the game: we beat Geneseo, 19-6. The rest of the season was successful, too. We lost one game—which was very close and disappointing—and tied one. And sure enough! We took the championship again, winning all the games in our division.

When it was play time again, Mr. Moogk selected and directed "Meet Corliss Archer." Darlene Ohlinger played the mischievous Corliss, and no one will forget her squeaking admirer—Jerry "Dexter" Tower. By gosh, we think it was as good as on the radio!

All the seniors took U. S. History. Some familiar quotations: "I can't remember the date." "Who

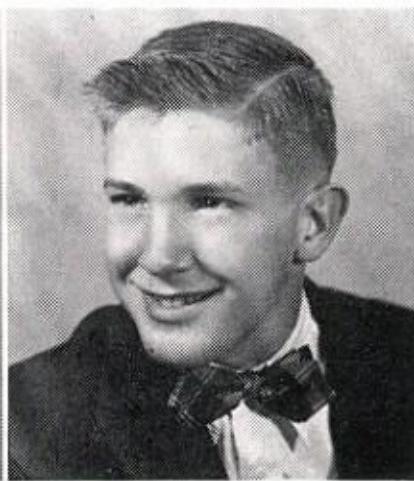
won the French and Indian War?" (Believe it or not, Miss Brown finally got all the test papers back)

With only one returning letterman to the basketball team—Leonard Dunn—the Trojans weren't quite as fortunate on the hardwood. We were successful in better than half the games, however. Again we were unfortunate to be matched against the top-notch DePue team in the first round of the regional tourney.

We all remember selling magazines and popcorn—making money for this, our annual. And there were senior pictures—everyone satisfied with yours but you. The prom, Class Day, Baccalaureate, and Commencement—that terribly sad day. Yes—these are a few of the memories of our senior year we will carry all through our lives.

As a fitting conclusion, I'm sure we can all look back and agree that during these four years we've had THE TIME OF OUR LIVES.

# SENIORS



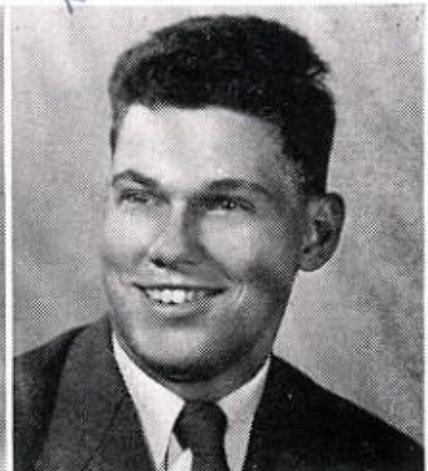
**RUTH AUCHSTETTER**

Class Play Make Up 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 1;  
Atod. Finance, Photography chmn., Typing, Maintenance 4

*Dorothy Bruck*

**NORMAN ANDERSON**

Basketball 1; Atod. Finance 4

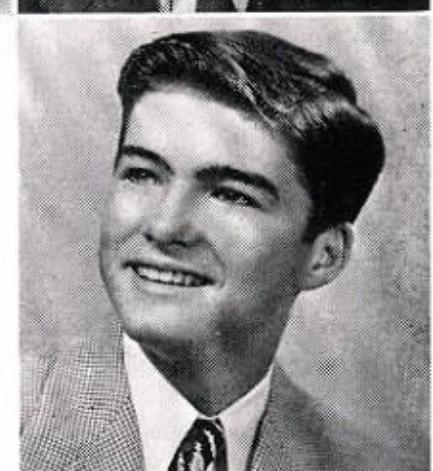


**EVELYN BAIRD**

FHA 3; Atod. Finance, Typing 4

**DONALD BAIRD**

FFA 1, 2, 3; Atod. Finance 4



**THERESA AUCHSTETTER**

Class Play Ticket Com. 3, Usher 4; FHA 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Chorus 3,  
Festival Band 3; Atod. Copy, Finance 4; Class Play 3

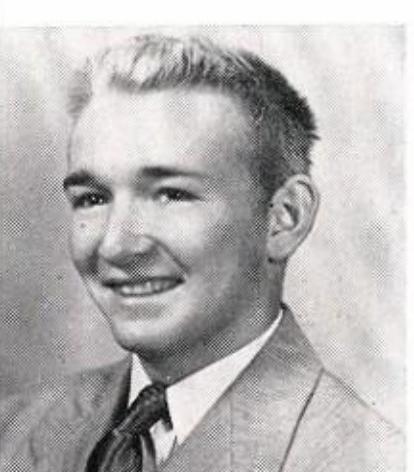


**IRENE BIERWIRTH**

GAA 3; Atod. Finance, Typing 4

**BRUCE DEWEY**

Class Play Costume & Prop. Com. 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 4;  
Atod. Finance, Editorial Staff, Service 4; Broadcasting Council 4



**DOROTHY BRUCK**

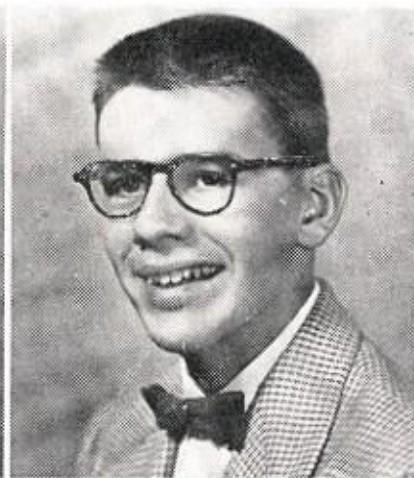
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Atod. Finance, Photography, Typing, Maintenance 4

**DANNY BIERS**

Prom Com. 3; D. O. Club 3, 4; Football 2; Track 1, 2, Team Manager 1;  
Atod. Finance 4

**CAROL COTTON**

Class Play Usher 3, 4; Ticket Com. 3; FHA 1, 2; Homecoming Float Com. 1, 2; Degree Chairman 2; Assistant Librarian 3; Band 1, 2; Festival Band 2; Atod. Finance, Typing 4

**ROGER CHILDERS**

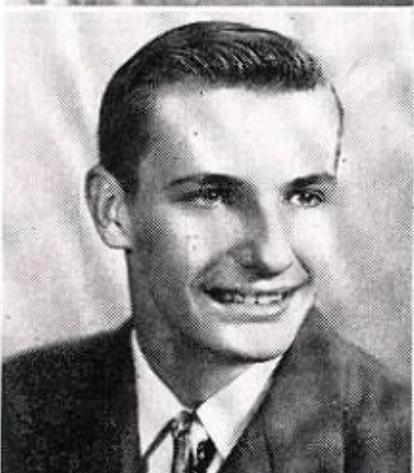
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**FRANCES DELHOTAL**

Class Play Usher 3, 4; Ticket Com. 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; Treasurer 4; Homecoming Com. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3; Atod. Finance 4

**DALE DANEKAS**

Class Play Costume & Prop. Co. 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Co-Captain 2; Track 2, 3; Varsity 3; Atod. Service, Finance 4

**LEONARD DUNN**

Class Play 3; Student Council 4; Parliamentarian 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 4; King 3; Chorus 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; Football 4; Varsity 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atod. Finance 4

**MARY JANE HARRIS**

Class Play Usher 3; Costume & Prop. Com. 4; FHA 4; Prom Com. 3; Latin Club 1; Chorus 3; Atod. Copy Editor, Editorial Staff, Finance 4

**DONNA GOUBEAX**

Class Play Costume & Prop. Com. 3, 4; GAA 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice Pres. 3, 4; Scrapbook Chairman 2; Chorus 3; Atod. Finance, Editorial Staff 4

**JAMES EICHORN**

Class Play 4; Stage Crew 4; Projectionist 4; D. O. Club 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1; Atod. Finance, Photography, Maintenance Staff 4

**MAX FAYEN**

Homecoming King 2; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Varsity 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 2; Atod. Finance, Mechanical Arts Staff 4

**DOLORES HOELZER**

Class Play Usher 4; FHA 1, 2; Vice Pres. 2; Prom Com. 3; Chorus 2, 3; Girls' Sextet 2; Atod. Finance, Typing 4

*High School  
1952-53  
Prom Queen  
Dolores Hoelzer  
and her  
Court  
Max Fayen  
Leonard Dunn  
Roger Childers  
Carol Cotton  
Dale Danekas  
Frances Delhotal  
James Eichorn  
Mary Jane Harris  
Donna Goubeaux  
Dolores Hoelzer  
Max Fayen*



**ELAINE JEWEL**

Class Play 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4, Asst. Editor 4; Latin Club 1; Homecoming Com. 2, 3, 4; Broadcasting Copy Sales Com. 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Chorus 1, 2, 3, Instrumental Soloist 3, Instrumental Ensemble 3, 4, Festival Chorus 2, Festival Band 3, 4; Atod. Finance, Copy, Art, Photography, Editorial Staff 4

**DON GUNN**

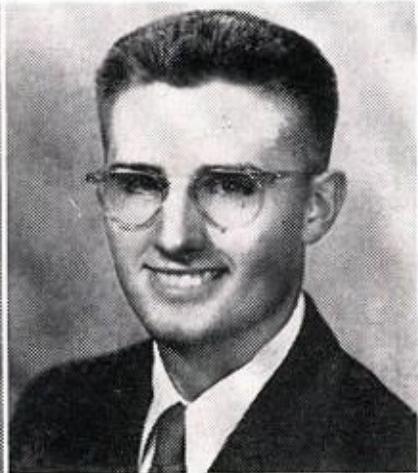
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**PATSY KESSLER**

Class Play Ticket Com. 4; FHA 4; Latin Club 1; Chorus 3; Atod. Copy, Finance 4

**JIM GEHLER**

Class Play Costume & Prop. Com. 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4, Vice Pres. 4; Prom Com. 3; Latin Club 1; Homecoming Com. 2, 3, 4, King's Attendant 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 4, Varsity 4; Atod. Finance 4



**DENNIS HAYMAN**

Polo High School, Polo, Ill. 1, Shurz High School, Chicago, Ill. 2; Building Trades Club 3, 4; Atod. Finance, Photography, Mechanical Arts Staff 4

**MARGARET LARABEE**

Class Play Make Up 3, Ticket Com. 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Chorus 3, Festival Chorus 3; Atod. Finance, Typing 4

**ANNE KEHOE**

Aquinas High School, LaCrosse, Wis. 1, 2; Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Com. 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 4; Hi-Light Staff 4, Quill & Scroll 4; Broadcasting Copy Sales 4; Chorus 3; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Atod. Copy, Finance 4

**DICK HOSTO**

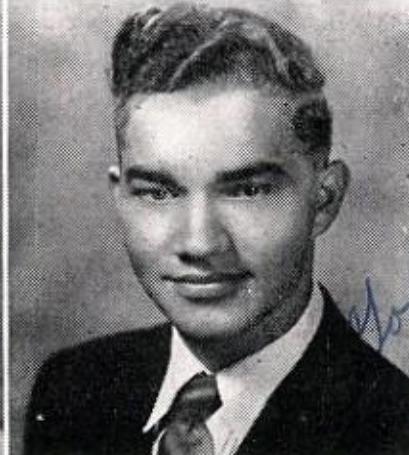
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**CAROL MANN**

Class Play Usher 4; Latin Club 1; Chorus 3; Atod. Finance, Photography, Typing 4

**JOHN KLEIN**

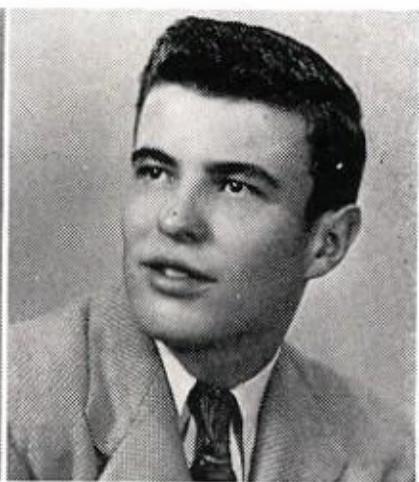
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*Good luck in what you do.  
Carol Mann! Be Happy!  
Have a nice year!  
John Klein  
and girls.*

**BETTY MATHESIUS**

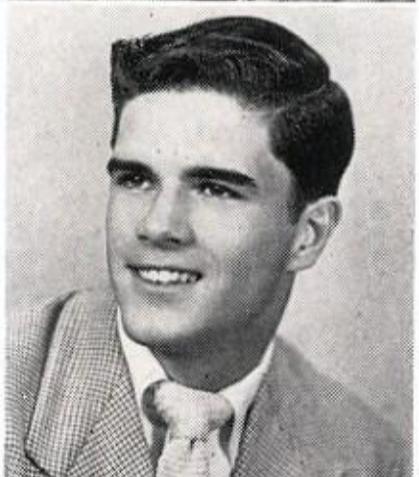
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**NORMAN INMAN**

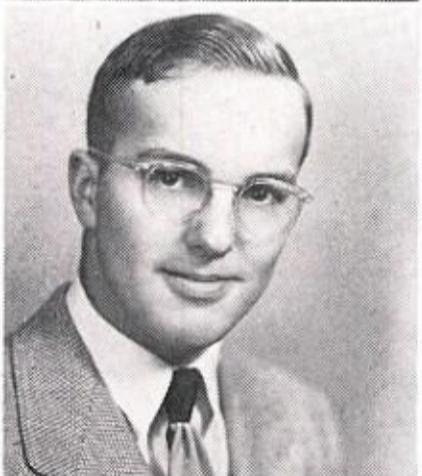
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**PATRICIA McLAUGHLIN**

Class Play Make Up 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Latin Club 1; Band 1, 2; Atod. Finance, Typing, Photography, Maintenance 4

**JACK KEEFE**

Class Pres. 1; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Chorus 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Varsity 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 2; Atod. Finance 4

**DONALD JONES**

Class Play Costume & Prop. Com. 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 4; D. O. Club 3, 4; Broadcasting Technician 4; Band 1, Chorus 3, Boy's Quartet 2; Cross-Country 1; Atod. Finance, Copy, Maintenance 4; Projectionist 3, 4

**PATRICIA MEALEY**

Class Play Prompter 4; Publicity 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Hockey Manager 3; Pres. 4; Homecoming Com. 1, Queen's Attendant 4; Atod. Finance, Editorial Staff, Art Editor 4

**DORIS McNALLY**

Class Play Usher 3, 4; Homecoming Com. 1; Atod. Finance, Typing 4

**DAVID L. KARL**

Homecoming Com. 1, 3; D. O. Club 3; Basketball 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Co-Cap. 4; Atod. Finance 4

**DARLENE MORSCH**

Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Com. 4; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Com. 2, 3; Broadcasting Announcer 2; Chorus 2; Atod. Copy, Finance, Photography, Typing, Service 4; Quill & Scroll 4

**RONALD KLINEFELTER**

Class Play Costume & Prop. Com. 4; FFA 1, 2; Building Trades 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Football 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atod. Finance, Mechanical Arts Staff 4

**HELENE OBERHOLZ**

Class Play 3; NFL 1, 2, 3, 4; Sec. Treas. 2; Assistant Librarian 4; Debate 1, 2, 3, Debate Varsity 2, Jr. Varsity 1, 3; Speech Contestant 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Broadcasting Announcer 3, Copy Sales 4; Band 1, 2; Atod. Finance 4; Homecoming Com. 2, 3; Broadcasting Sales 4; Class Play 3; NFL Active Member 1, 2, 3, 4

**DON KUEHL**

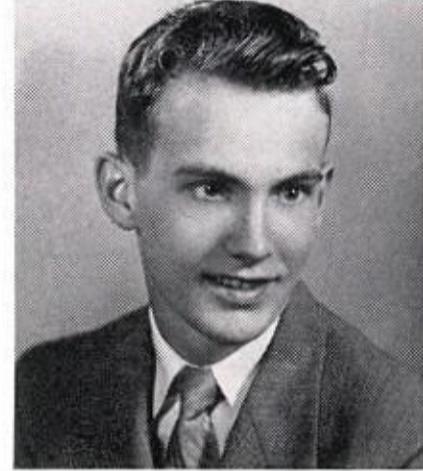
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**DON McCOLLUM**

Hi-Light Staff 4; D. O. Club 3; Golf 3, 4; Atod. Copy, Finance, Sports Staff 4

**DARLENE OHLINGER**

Class Sec. Treas. 4; Class Play 3, 4; Conference Play 3, 4; Contest Play 1, 3, 4; Speech Contest 4; GAA 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Cheerleader 4; Homecoming Com. 4; Broadcasting Copy Sales 4; Band 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Atod. Copy, Finance, Photography, Editorial Staff, Co-Editor 4; Festival Chorus 1, 2, 3

**RICHARD LEISER**

Class Pres. 4; Class Play 4; Prom Com. 3; NFL 3, 4, Active Member 3; Debate 3, 4, Debate Varsity 3, 4; Speech Contestant 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4, Editor 4, Quill & Scroll 4; Latin Club 1; Homecoming Com. 4; Broadcasting Council 3, Copy Sales Com. 4; Announcing 3; Chorus 3; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Golf 3, 4; Atod. Copy, Finance, Photography, Editorial Staff, Sports Staff 4

**KENNETH McLAUGHLIN**

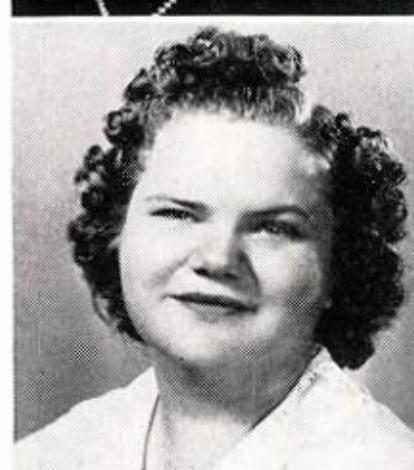
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**BETTY POHL**

Class Play Ticket Com. 3, Usher 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Individual Sports 3; Homecoming Com. 1; Atod. Finance 4

**JANICE POHL**

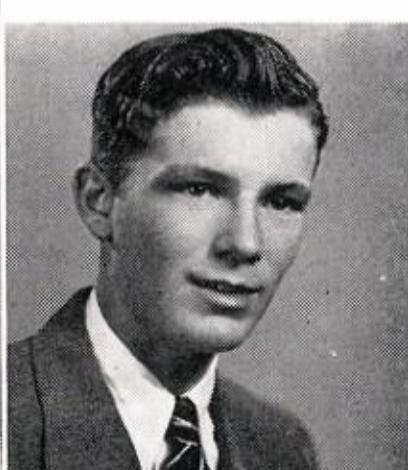
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**DORIS OLSON**

Class Play Costume & Prop. Com. 3, Publicity 4; NFL 1, 2, 3, 4, Pres. 3, Active member 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4, Jr. Varsity 1; Prom Com. 3; Latin Club 1; Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3; Festival Band 3; Atod. Copy, Finance, Photography, Typing, 4

**WALTER MEYER**

Class play Costume & Property Com. 4; FFA 2, 3; Reporter 3; Atod. Copy, Finance, Sales and Distribution 4



**DELORES PRESTON**

Class Pres. 3, Class Play 3, Ticket Com. 4, Publicity 4; GAA 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, Sec. Treas. 4; Speech Contestant 3; Prom Com. 3; Latin Club 1; Homecoming Com. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Pres. 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, Girls' Sextet 3, Instrumental Soloist 1, 2, 3, 4, Instrumental Ensemble 2, 3, 4, Festival Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Atod. Copy, Finance, Editorial Staff 4

**PATRICK PHALEN**

Class Pres. 2; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Hi-Light Staff 3; D. O. Club 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1; Atod. Finance 4

**KENNETH OUGH**

Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Com. 4; Atod. Finance 4

**DORA LEE RIDER**

Class Play 3, 4, Conference Play 3, Contest Play 1, 3; GAA 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4, Copy Reader 4; Latin Club 1; Homecoming Com. 1, 2, 3, 4, Queen 3; Band 1, 2, 3, Chorus 1, 2, 3, Girls' Sextet 3, Instrumental Ensemble 2, 3, Festival Chorus 3, Festival Band 2; Atod. Finance, Copy, Photography, Typing, Editorial Staff 4

**SHIRLEY ANN SCOTT**

Class Play Usher 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Com. 1; Atod. Finance, Photography, Editorial Staff 4

**JOYCE ROACH**

Class Vice-Pres. 2, 4; Class Play 3, Student Director 4; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Latin Club 1; Broadcasting Copy Sales 4, Announcing 3; Chorus 3; Atod. Copy, Finance, Photography, Art, Editorial Staff, Co-Editor 4; DAR Award 4

**CLARENCE RICH**

Class Play Costume & Prop. Com. 4; FFA 1, 2; Prom Com. 3; Building Trades Club 3, 4; Broadcasting Technician 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Atod. Finance, Photography, Copy, Sales & Distribution, Mechanical Arts Staff 4

**LORNA MAY SCHLESINGER**

Class Sec. Treas. 2; Class Play 4; Costume & Prop. Com. 3; Prom Com. 3; Ring Com. 2; Latin Club 1; Homecoming Com. 2; Band 1, 2, 3, Chorus 1, 2, 3, Instrumental Ensemble 3, Festival Band 2, 3; Atod. Finance, Photography, Typing, Editorial Staff 4

**BEVERLY SCHWINGLE**

Class Play 4, Student Director 3; GAA 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Latin Club 1; Homecoming Com. 3; Band 2, 3, 4, Chorus 1, 3, Instrumental Ensemble 3, 4, Festival Band 3; Atod. Finance, Copy, Photography 4

**EVELYN SOLLITT**

Class Vice-Pres. 1; Class Play 3; Conference Play 3; Contest Play 3; FHA 1, 2, Sec. 2; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, Chorus 1, 2, 3, Girls' Sextet 3, Instrumental Soloist 3, Vocal Contest 3, Festival 1, 2, 3; Atod. Copy, Finance, Editorial Staff 4



**LORETTA THOMPSON**

Class Play Prompter 3; Make Up 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atod. Finance, Photography, Typing, Maintenance Service 4

**ROBERT E. SIBIGTROTH**

Class Play Costume & Prop. Com. 3; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 1; D.O. Club 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atod. Finance 4



**HOWARD SCHMIDT**

Student Council 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Homecoming Com. 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Football 2; Atod. Finance 4



**ALLEN STEELE**

Latin Club 1; Band 1, Chorus 1, 2, 3; Boys' Quartet 1, 2; Festival Chorus 1, 2, 3; Atod. Finance 4



**JERRY TOWER**

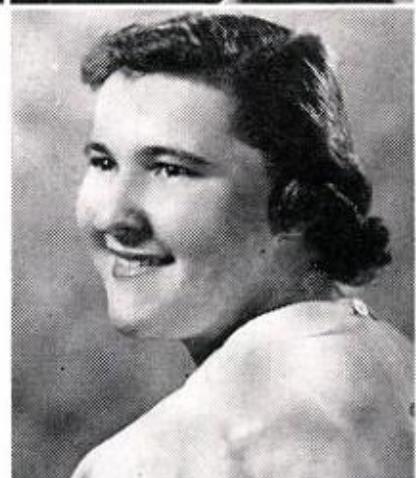
Class Play 4; Chorus 3; Atod. Finance 4

**WILLIAM PRESCOTT**

Conference Play 3; Contest Play 3; Assistant Librarian 2; Latin Club 1; Homecoming Com. 1, 3, 4; Broadcasting Announcer 3; Copy Sales 4; Chorus 3; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Golf 3, 4; Atod. Finance, Photography, Editorial Staff, Sports Staff 4

**ORRIE SPENADER**

Class Play Prompter 3, 4; Make Up 4; GAA 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Copy Reader 4; Homecoming Com. 4; Queen 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Festival Chorus 2, 3; Atod. Copy, Finance, Editorial Staff 4



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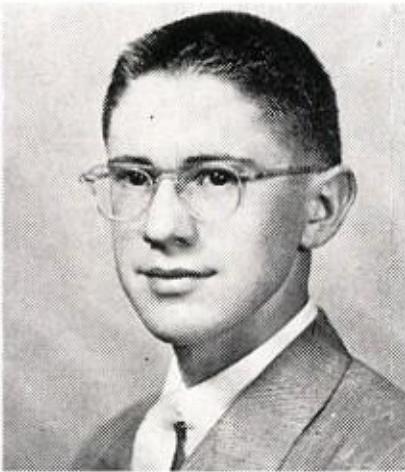
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**BERNICE SPANIER**

Class Play Usher 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; V. Pres. 4; Social Chrm. 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Treas. 2; Pres. 4; Prom. Com. 3; Chorus 3; Atod. Finance 4

**JOAN TRUCKENBROD**

Class Sec. Treas. 1, Class Play 3, 4; Prom Com. 3; Latin Club 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Chorus 3, Instrumental Soloist 3, 4, Festival Band 3, 4; Atod. Copy, Finance, Photography 4

**LAVERNE SPITZ**

Princeton High School, Princeton, Ill. 1½; D. O. Club 3, 4; Basketball 3, Varsity 3; Football 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 2; Atod. Finance 4; Class Play 3, Publicity 4

**PATRICIA WOOD**

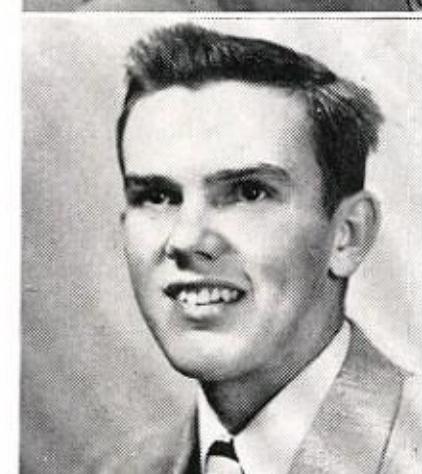
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**JOYCE WALLER**

Class Play 3, 4, Publicity 3; Speech Contestant 2; Latin Club 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Chorus 1, 2, 3, Girls' Octet 1, Girls' Sextet 2, Vocal Soloist 1, 2, Instrumental Soloist 1, 2, 3, 4, Instrumental Ensemble 3, 4, Festival Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Atod. Copy, Finance, Editorial Staff 4

**VICTOR YOUNG**

Class Play 3, Costume & Prop. Com. 4; Prom Com. 3; D.O. Club 3, 4; Atod. Finance, Photography 4

**DONALD WELTY**

Dixon High School, Dixon, Ill. 1½; Oregon High School, Oregon, Ill. 1½; Atod. Finance 4

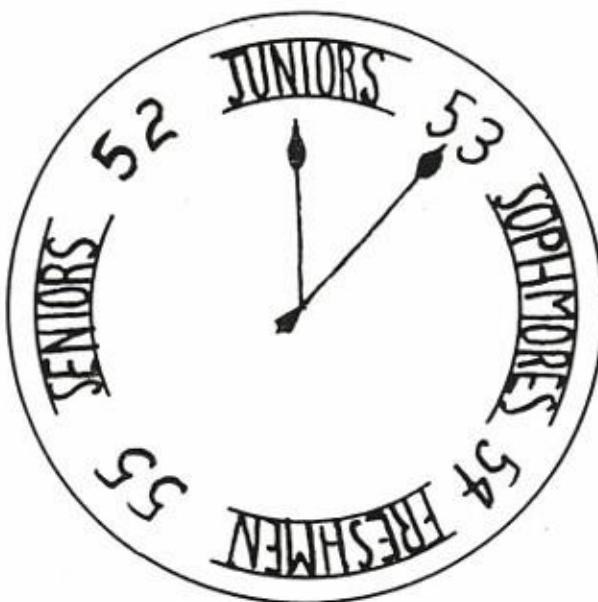
**EILEEN WOOD**

Class Play Usher 3, 4; FHA 3; Homecoming Com. 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Atod. Finance, Photography 4

**NEAL WORSLEY**

Debate 1; Broadcasting Technician 3; Atod. Finance, Photography 4; Visual Aids 4

# J U N I O R S



## *At long last . . .*

**H**PPERCLASSMAN, at last! The year for the time of your life!

However this year was also filled with large and small events, each of which must be thought over carefully and each requiring the right guidance before the decision was reached.

The class of '53 proved themselves capable of coping with those tasks, the major ones being the class play, the prom, and the choosing of their future life work.

Nancy Lucas, Joan Sonntag, Bill Gardner, Robert Boykin, Bob Fitzsimmons, and Harriet Shed were voted to serve their class in the student council. They showed themselves very competent in expressing the wishes of their class and of the school.

With Bill Gardner as president, Jerry Hochstatter as vice-president and Margo Walter as secretary-treasurer the class of "53" marched toward being seniors, leaving an excellent record behind them.

In the homecoming parade Douglas Sterchi and Mary Sheridan, junior class candidates for king and queen, rode on a float, viewing a battle between Jerry Longbein and Harry Brunner which represented Geneseo's defeat at the hands of the Mendota Trojans. In the evening the junior class was thrilled to see Doug and Mary crowned king and queen of homecoming.

This distinguished class had a grand total of ten major letter winners on the varsity football squad with eight boys winning minor letters.

Bill Gehler honored his school and his class by being named to a first-team post on the All-Northern Illinois Large School Football Squad.

When basketball time rolled around eight anxious juniors joined the varsity squad. They were Bill Gehler, Jerry Hochstatter, Bob Fitzsimmons, Bill Gardner, Ed Peasley, Harry Johnson, Dan VanEtten, and Doug Sterchi.

Under the excellent guidance of Mr. Koeller the junior class added more glories to its increasing record by the victories of the debate teams, the contest play and other speech activities.

The class of '52 took advantage of the courses offered by the school. Eleven took D. O. A large number tried their hand at cooking and sewing, some joining FHA once they became interested. The more serious minded boys and girls took business or college preparatory subjects.

The biggest social event of the year, as far as the juniors were concerned, was the prom. With much racking of brains for ideas and many committee meetings, they came up with an evening never to be forgotten.

Only through the helpful advice and guidance of their advisers, Mr. and Mrs. Doenier, Mr. Norton, Mr. Moogk and Miss Schroeder, were the members of the class of '53 able to leave such an excellent record.



## JUNIOR PLAY

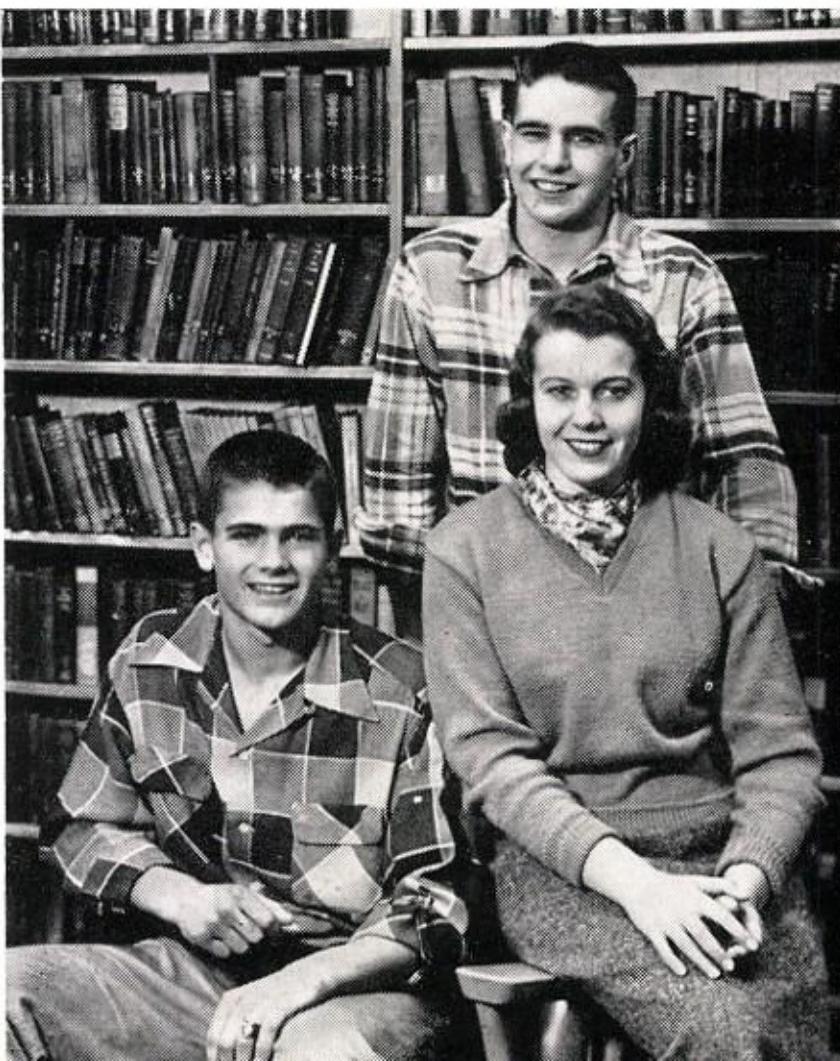
### MEN ARE LIKE STREETCARS

<b>Mother</b>	<b>Mary Ebbinghaus</b>
<b>Maudie</b>	<b>Joan Sonntag</b>
<b>Sylvia</b>	<b>Jeanine Sibigtroth</b>
<b>Joy</b>	<b>Nancy Lucas</b>
<b>Alix</b>	<b>Mary Bruckner</b>
<b>Julie</b>	<b>Mary Jo Herndon</b>
<b>Lysbeth</b>	<b>Kathleen Weiss</b>
<b>Mrs. White</b>	<b>Virginia Smith</b>
<b>Mrs. Allan</b>	<b>Donna McLaughlin</b>
<b>Margaret</b>	<b>Harriett Shed</b>
<b>Dad</b>	<b>Bill Gehler</b>
<b>Davie</b>	<b>Bill Durham</b>
<b>Jerry</b>	<b>Bill Gardner</b>
<b>Chi</b>	<b>Ronald Garrity</b>
<b>Ted</b>	<b>Wayne Messmore</b>
<b>Student Director</b>	<b>Patti Heininger</b>
<b>Prompters</b>	<b>Darlene Martin Donna Bumba</b>

### JUNIOR OFFICERS

**W. Gardner, Pres.**

**J. Hochstatter, Vice-Pres.—M. Walter, Sec.-Treas.**



# *TIME has come for the Juniors*

## JUNIOR PROM COMMITTEES

Mary Lou Bruckner .....	Gen. Chrmn. of decorations
Mary Ebbinghaus .....	Hall decorations
Helen Bunton .....	Band Stand decorations
Nancy Lucas .....	Wall decorations
Judy Lambert .....	Ceiling & Invitations
Donna Bumba .....	Table decorations
Margot Walter .....	Food committee
Bill Gehler .....	Seating committee
Pat Roth .....	Serving committee
Dan Van Etten .....	Prop committee
Jerry Hochstatter .....	Clean-up committee
Jane Vogelsang .....	Program committee

MR. DOENIER, ADVISER

BACK ROW: W. Gehler, R. Gillette,  
G. Faber, R. Geil, R. Fitzsimmons, R.  
Garrity

MIDDLE ROW: W. Durham, W. Gardner,  
G. Funfsinn, E. Herbert, P. Heininger,  
M. Ebbinghaus, L. Dewey

FIRST ROW: Mr. Doenier, R. Harris,  
D. Fassig, L. Eichorn, E. Henry, M.  
Glaser, M. Ehlers, B. Geil



MRS. DOENIER, ADVISER

BACK ROW: M. Bruckner, D. Bumba, B.  
Campbell, J. Brown, H. Bunton, B.  
Austin, D. Am Fahr, Mrs. Doenier, R.  
Boykin

MIDDLE ROW: P. Corcoran, B. Cudaback,  
S. Davis, B. Bialas, M. Cork,  
W. Brown

FIRST ROW: W. Bromenschenkel, J.  
Cummings, H. Brunner, R. Anderson



# *to plan their play and prom*

## MISS SCHROEDER, ADVISER

BACK ROW: H. Johnson, R. McConville, D. Klein, Miss Schroeder, D. Lewis, W. Messmore, J. Hochstatter, E. Nance, J. Longbein, W. Joerger, H. Kessinger

MIDDLE ROW: S. Kilburn, N. Lucas, D. Martin, J. Lambert, B. Klein, K. Jauch

FIRST ROW: J. Kidd, A. McManus, D. McConville, D. McLaughlin, M. Kidd



## MR. NORTON, ADVISER

BACK ROW: N. Phalen, G. Olson, H. Sauer, K. Ryan, E. Peasley, G. Schmidt, E. Salomone, L. Roach, H. Phillips, Mr. Norton

MIDDLE ROW: P. Roth, M. Sheridan, J. Sloter, J. Sibigroth, E. Roth, M. Schwemlein, V. Novak

FIRST ROW: C. Rohr, J. Rave, E. Politisch, D. Rod



## MR. MOOGK, ADVISER

BACK ROW: D. Ward, D. Waller, C. Sonderoth, J. Wixom, D. Van Etten, D. Sterchi, Mr. Moogk, G. Wood

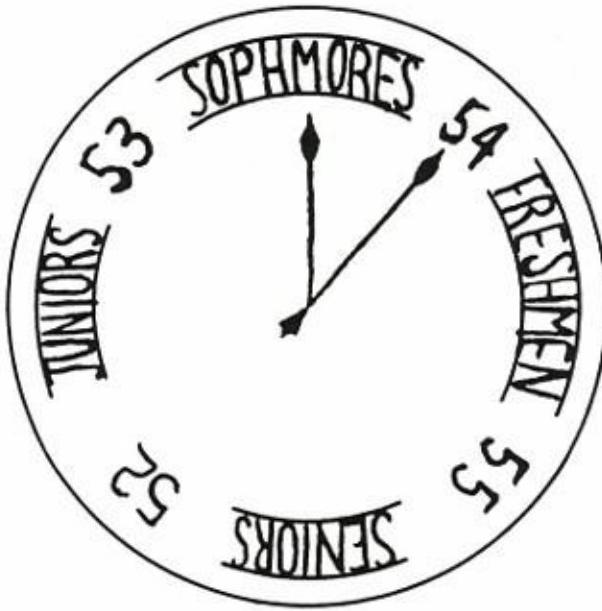
THIRD ROW: W. Wood, B. Zimmerlein, M. Walter, A. Truckenbrod

SECOND ROW: S. Spenader, J. Zimmerman, B. Stuber, J. Wilhelm, J. Vogelsang

FIRST ROW: J. Sonntag, A. Spenader, V. Smith, N. Steele, K. Weiss



# S O P H O M O R E S



## *It won't be long till*

**W**HEN THE TIME rolled around for another school year, the sophomores were more self-confident than in the preceding year. They were more accustomed to the routine of high school life. Having conquered their fear of teachers and "red slips", they were going to have the time of their lives.

They wanted to make the new year a huge success so they chose three alert and wide-eyed girls to lead them. As president they chose the capable Joanne Wilhelm and, to assist her, Barbara Williams as vice-president. To take care of the "pecunia" they elected the honest Ruth Sollitt as secretary-treasurer. To assist Elaine Larson, Madra Montagnoli, Walter Klinge, and Lynn Truckenbrod in student council they chose Delbert Piller.

The first event of the new year was homecoming. To help make it a big success the sophomores had a very becoming float and chose a fine twosome as their candidate for king and queen, Glen Fischer and Dorothy Lau respectively.

The Frosh-Soph team, the Jay Tees, displayed fine athletic ability and sportsmanship in football and basketball. (They won all of their football games in the conference except the one with Geneseo which they lost by one point.) They will make excellent varsity players next year. Gene Morrow and John McKenzie did wonderful jobs as Frosh-Soph and Varsity managers.

The sophomores participated well in chorus and band. They won many awards in music contests. They also played and sang at the music festival.

In order to prove they could argue and were not shy, several entered debate and speech activities. They won many honors for their school and had many thrilling experiences.

The farm boys joined FFA; the future homemakers, FHA; and the athletic minded girls, GAA. Each contributed to the activities of the organization he had joined.

It takes skill and personality to be a successful librarian, and Nancy Gove, Elaine Larson, Myrna Kilmartin, Don Buck, Sharon Biers, Barbara Williams, Curt Truckenbrod and Roger Brown proved they were capable. They helped make the new library a pleasant, quiet place for reading and studying.

Sharon Biers showed her vivacity and gracefulness in her outstanding performances as a varsity cheerleader.

Making money by selling magazines and choosing their class ring proved them able business managers.

In order to be the success they were they needed the guiding hand of their advisers, Miss Pottinger, Miss Staubus, Mr. Rollins, Mr. LeMarr, and Mr. Mann.

As the time "ticks" on, another year has ended. Even though they did a hard year's work they enjoyed every minute as sophomores and are now ready to advance to their junior year.

*we* **SOPHOMORES**  
*are*  
**UPPERCLASSMEN**



**SOPHOMORE OFFICERS**

B. Williams, Vice-Pres.

J. Wilhelm, Pres.—R. Sollitt, Sec.-Treas.



# *Two down, two to go . .*



MISS POTTINGER, ADVISER

BACK ROW: P. Bruck, P. Denault, C. Bauer, D. Cotton, J. Edwards, D. Biers, S. Biers, Miss Pottinger

MIDDLE ROW: L. Edgcomb, A. Eisesser, R. Childers, W. Bird, D. Buck, M. Chappell, R. Casstevens, R. Brown, H. Campbell

FIRST ROW: P. Bierwirth, M. Collings, M. Boyle, C. Becket, M. Booth, R. Am Fahr, S. Dalton, R. Booth



MR. ROLLINS, ADVISER

BACK ROW: L. Hannon, J. Hamblen, W. Hare, W. Galloway, C. Harmon, W. Farmer, Mr. Rollins

MIDDLE ROW: G. Gillette, R. Herman, M. Guilfoyle, N. Frizol, J. Harboldt, D. Gregg, J. Heinzeroth

FIRST ROW: G. Fischer, J. Faber, N. Gove, D. Fox, D. Heltness



MISS STAUBUS, ADVISER

BACK ROW: N. Kratz, J. Marksbury, L. Kreiser, D. Kaufman, R. Jackson, E. Larson, M. Kilmartin, Miss Staubus

MIDDLE ROW: W. Lemmer, G. Mann, H. Jackson, D. Krenz, W. Klinge, R. Lucas, C. Howarth, J. Lang

FIRST ROW: M. Jacob, L. Joerger, D. Lau, M. Kidd, P. Kofoid, B. Long, C. Johnson

# *Our TIME will come !*



MR. LE MARR, ADVISER

BACK ROW: Mr. LeMarr, S. Nelson, J. Richard, S. Montagnoli, S. Prescott, C. Reppin, H. Rider

MIDDLE ROW: R. Morrow, G. Meahey, E. McLaughlin, R. Milazzo, G. Morrow, J. Mauch, D. Piller, D. Oranger

FIRST ROW: J. McKenzie, L. Schaller, L. Schlesinger, M. McLaughlin, J. Sauer, D. Mosher, M. Montagnoli



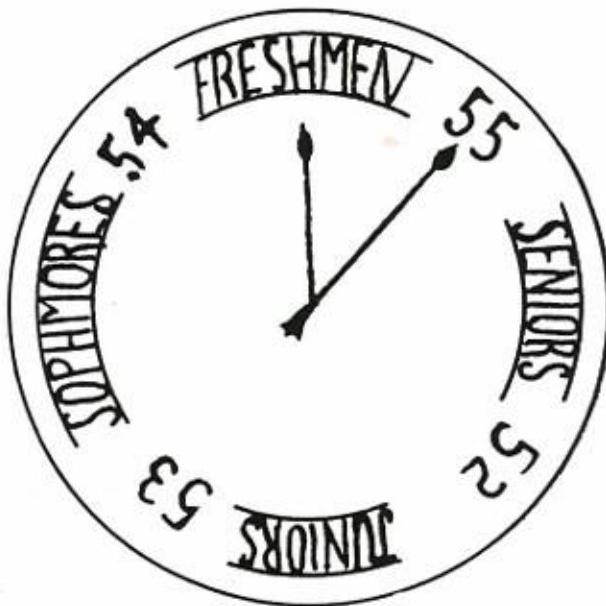
MR. MANN, ADVISER

BACK ROW: Mr. Mann, D. Schwingle, L. Truckenbrod, L. Gulick, J. Whitmore, G. Wulf, T. Vickrey, R. Steve, R. Smith

MIDDLE ROW: J. Spanier, J. Wolfe, C. Truckenbrod, G. Sibigroth, R. Worsley, W. Stevenson, J. Sloan

FIRST ROW: I. Yenerich, N. Wood, M. Sibigroth, B. Williams, J. Wilhelm, R. Sollitt, D. Skaggs, M. Zolper

# F R E S H M E N



## *Time Passes ;*

**T**IME MARCHED BY, and as the seniors entered for the last time, the freshman class entered for the first time into the halls of MHS. These students wasted no time getting into their activities and their first task was to choose class officers to guide them through the year.

As their president they chose Jimmy Brown; as vice-president, Doris Kramer; and for secretary-treasurer they elected Janet Welsch. Their representatives for student council were Carol Calderwood, Doris Kramer, Norman Ehlers, and John Meyer.

Time passed on and soon they found it was October. This was a big month because they eagerly awaited the freshman party held on October 23. They'll always remember what a big success it was and all the fun they had dancing and playing games.

There were many girls and boys interested in sports, debate, cheerleading and various other activities. They showed their courage and abilities in many fields and did very well in anything they tried.

The football season roused the freshmen with school spirit, and several girls went out for cheerleading. There were four selected by the student body to lead the cheers for the Frosh-Soph team in football and basketball season. They were: Marjorie Campbell, Yvonne Durand, Diane Keefe, and Patti Miller.

As time lapsed we found that several girls went out for GAA and found enjoyment in playing hockey, baseball, and other sports. The future homemakers entered into FHA where they gained knowledge and took part in parties and other interesting events.

The boys showed their abilities also; many trained under the careful guidance of Mr. Mann for the freshman football squad. The Trojettes during the season won three of their scheduled five games. Eight of Mr. Mann's freshmen were advanced to the Frosh-Soph team. They were J. Auchstetter, G. Beardsley, J. Brown, D. Hof, D. Kessel, E. Klinge, R. McMahon, and A. Pohl. Mr. Gehler managed the freshmen's basketball squad. Some of these players, J. Brown, G. Beardsley, D. Hof, D. Kessel, D. Oberholz, and J. Sondgeroth were moved up to the Frosh-Soph team. R. McMahon was promoted to the Varsity squad.

Debate was a field into which many ventured. They proved that they could agree and disagree as well as the debaters in upper classes. Their fine work is an asset to the school, and they are sure to claim many honors before they graduate.

The magazine drive was an event into which they devoted time and salesmanship ability. Wayne Rich was awarded top honors for being high salesman of his class.

Thus far in their school life, the students of "55" have shown great promise of being capable leaders in the future. Their advisers were: Miss Payne, Mr. Doll, Mr. Koeller, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Morris.

*Freshmen wonder,*

*Will we?*



FRESHMAN OFFICERS

D. Kramer, Vice-Pres.

J. Brown, Pres.—J. Welsch, Sec.-Treas.



# We little Freshmen



**MISS PAYNE, ADVISER**

**BACK ROW:** W. Andrews, T. Driver, A. Burkart, M. Campbell, B. Bromenschenkel, S. Castle, B. Dana, R. Becket, C. Calderwood, L. Botts, Miss Payne

**MIDDLE ROW:** R. Deming, F. Damer, L. Dean, R. Bane, G. Beardsley, J. Brown, L. Carr, R. Brandt, J. Auchstetter

**FIRST ROW:** A. Aughenbaugh, K. Clement, E. Bradshaw, P. Bierwirth, L. Auchstetter, R. Bauer, J. Coonen, J. Corcoran, G. Cook



**MR. KOELLER, ADVISER**

**BACK ROW:** D. Keefe, R. Fritz, D. Hof, J. Etzbach, E. Finley, N. Ehlers, L. Edgcomb, Mr. Koeller

**THIRD ROW:** K. Eichorn, J. Elsesser, E. Hoelzer, M. Gleason

**SECOND ROW:** J. Hochstatter, C. Harmon, D. Etheridge, E. Hitchins, K. Emerick, M. Goubeaux, N. Eich

**FIRST ROW:** S. Jones, M. Farmer, B. Foster, P. Ehlers, B. Gorman, N. Herbert



**MR. LEWIS, ADVISER**

**BACK ROW:** K. McCully, D. Kessel, R. McMahon, E. Klinge, L. Lewis, J. Meyer, Mr. Lewis

**THIRD ROW:** S. Killion, J. Kessler, M. Miller, D. Longbein, S. McConville, B. Martin

**SECOND ROW:** B. Miller, D. Klinefelter, L. Klinefelter, W. McNally, J. Lewis, J. Mealey, E. Manning, R. Milazzo

**FIRST ROW:** M. Lang, C. Klein, V. Korneman, E. Kuehl, J. Kleckner, P. Miller, D. Kramer

# *had a BIG time !*

## MR. DOLL, ADVISER

BACK ROW: Mr. Doll, D. Wilson, W. Vietz, J. Sondgeroth, K. Zimmerlein, F. Ward, M. Spitz, J. Welsch

THIRD ROW: L. Spenader, L. Wendel, C. Truckenbrod, R. Steele, A. Weiss, R. Simpson

SECOND ROW: M. Sonntag, A. Spenader, R. Sloan, D. Stevens, A. Walter, W. Eldon, L. Vermillion

FIRST ROW: E. Wells, J. Smith, P. Whitmore, M. Stevenson, A. Stremlau, M. Thomas, S. Sweger



## MR. MORRIS, ADVISER

BACK ROW: Mr. Morris, K. Nance, W. Rich, A. Pohl, D. Oberholz, A. Roach

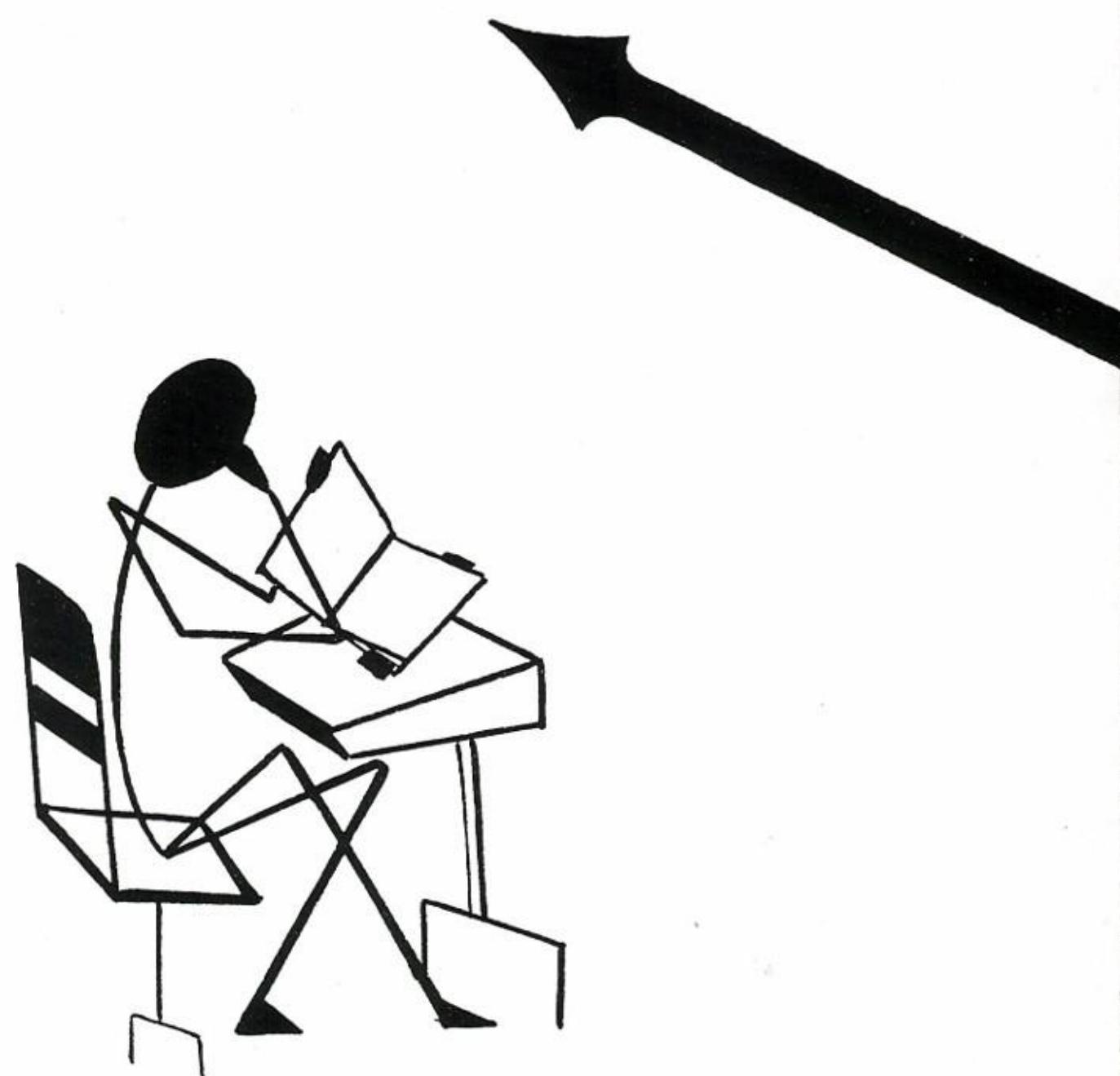
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FIRST ROW: M. Owens, J. Rapp, J. Powell, D. Piller, S. Rave, C. Pierson, B. Olson

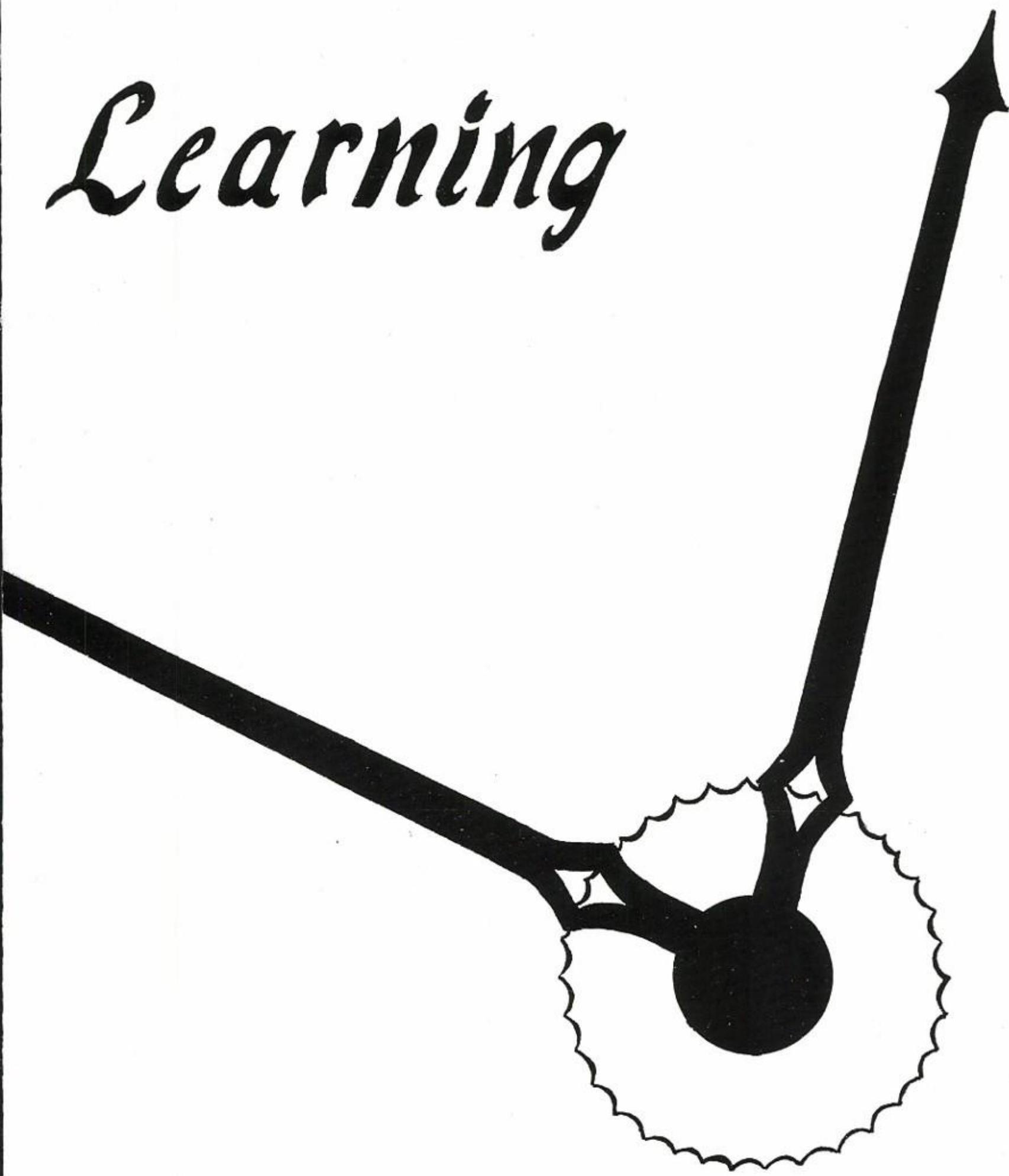
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# *Learning*



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**BUILDING TRADES D.O. CLASSES**



STANDING: M. Schlesinger, P. Beetz, E. Schnuckel, W. Setchell, C. Wills, D. Gove, L. Watson, S. Beetz, G. Koerper

SEATED: N. Rider, W. Yenerich, M. Steele, H. Dean, B. Reck, J. Dubbs

# *Grade and High School Boards Co-operate*

THESE ARE THE BEST days of our lives. But how many of us realize that much of the credit for this should go to the school board? It is their unceasing efforts and interest which have made MHS the wonderful school it is.

Among the many duties of the school board are the selecting of teachers, planning of curricula, purchasing of supplies, upkeep of the building and campus, and management of the school busses.

The grade and high school boards have co-operated for the benefit of the students of both grade and high schools. Many members of both

the grade and high school boards are graduates of MHS. The boards work together in many ways—such as planning the school year in such a way that the vacations of the schools coincide. A recent example of this spirit of co-operation between the two boards is the decision to hold the eighth grade classes at the high school next year in order to relieve the overcrowded conditions of the grade school.

We would like to thank the board for all they have done to make these the best years of our lives and for the opportunity they have given us—the opportunity of getting an education in one of the best schools in the state of Illinois.



Hazel Payne, Dean of Women

H. W. Mauntel, Asst. Principal

M. E. Steele, Principal



# *They Helped*

# *Our Office*

## *Run on*

## **TIME**

Mr. Steele, our principal, has helped to make MHS one of the best schools in the state and to maintain that standing. For many years he has been active in organizations working for the general advancement of education.

As assistant principal and dean of boys, without including teaching classes in economics, world history, supervising the lunch line and detention period, Mr. Mauntel had more than a full school day.

Miss Payne, dean of girls, gave vocational guidance to the juniors and seniors and acted as adviser to the student council. She also taught classes in English I and IV. To her, also, fell the tasks of collecting slips and checking attendance, running off the noon hour, and acting as traffic director to see that everyone used the right steps.

Included among the duties of the secretaries, Miss Theurer and Mrs. East, were keeping records straight, answering telephone, typing letters, and giving all kinds of information, aid, and advice.

# *The FACULTY says:*

***"My Time is Your Time"***

THERESA WORLAND  
Speech Correctionist



ROY DOLL  
Bookkeeping  
Shorthand I, II  
Student Fund  
Freshman Adviser



VICTOR WEDEMEYER  
Art

HIRREL SWANSON  
Typing  
Office Practice  
Business Training  
Senior Adviser  
Atodnem Adviser

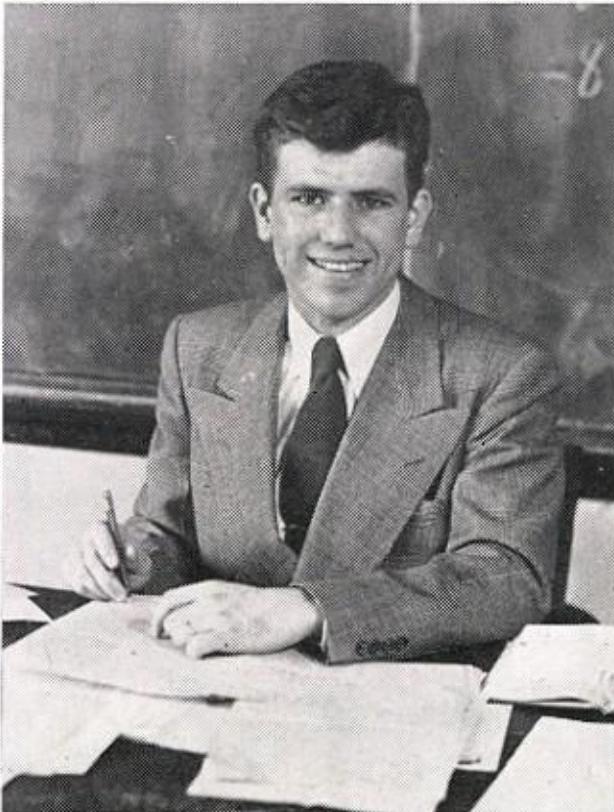
*Handy Dick!  
I'd like to see more of  
your good work next year  
(V. J. Wedemeyer)*

*Hirrel Swanson*

MARY BRENT  
Girls' Phys. Ed.  
GAA Adviser

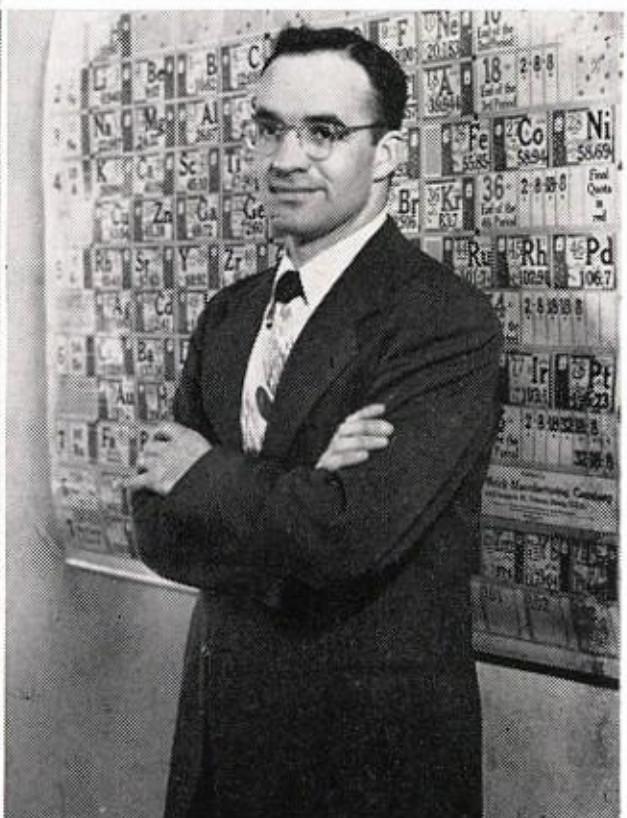


JAMES KOELLER  
Speech  
Dramatics  
Debate  
Social Science  
Broadcasting  
Freshman Adviser



EULALIA BREESE  
English III  
Latin I, II  
Senior Adviser  
Atodnem Adviser  
Broadcasting Sales Adviser

GUY EAST  
Algebra I  
Plane Geometry



*Eulalia Breese*

NANCY BROWN  
U. S. History  
English II  
Senior Adviser  
Atodnem Adviser



REEVE NORTON  
Physics  
Chemistry  
Algebra II, Trigonometry  
Sound Equipment  
Visual Aids  
Book Store  
Junior Adviser

*Best teacher to a  
fine artist. Coach Doenier*



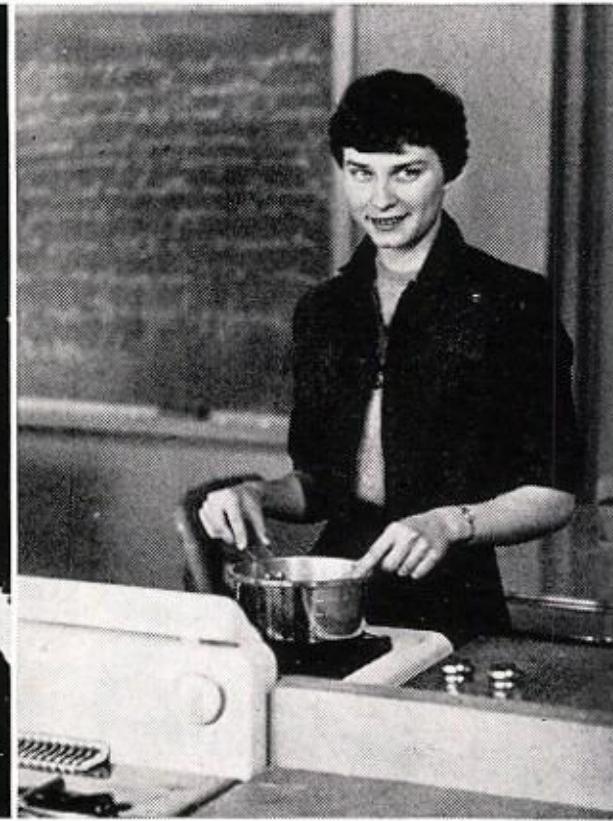
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Biology  
Coach  
Junior Adviser

RUTH DOENIER  
English II  
Librarian  
Junior Adviser



GILBERT GEHLER  
Shop I, II  
Freshman Basketball Coach

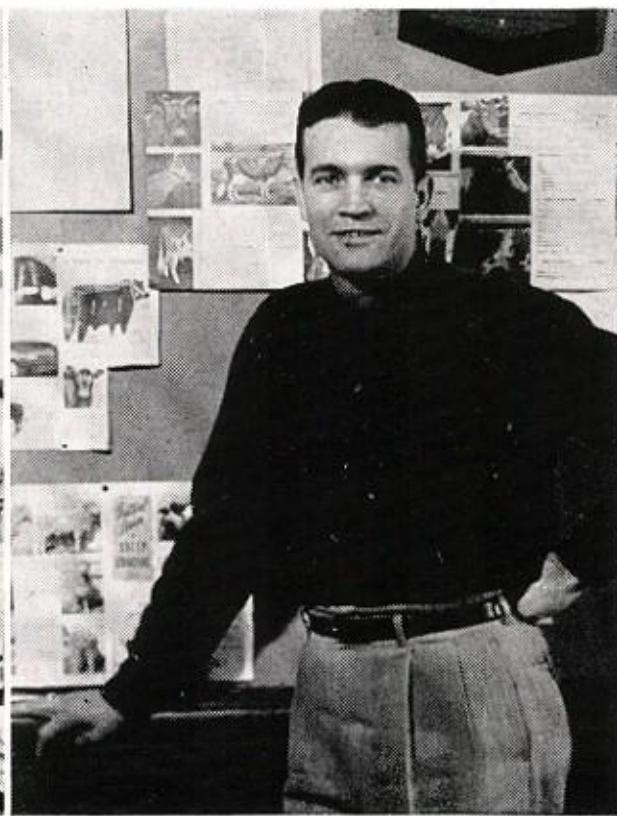
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Boys' Phys. Ed.  
General Science  
Freshman Adviser



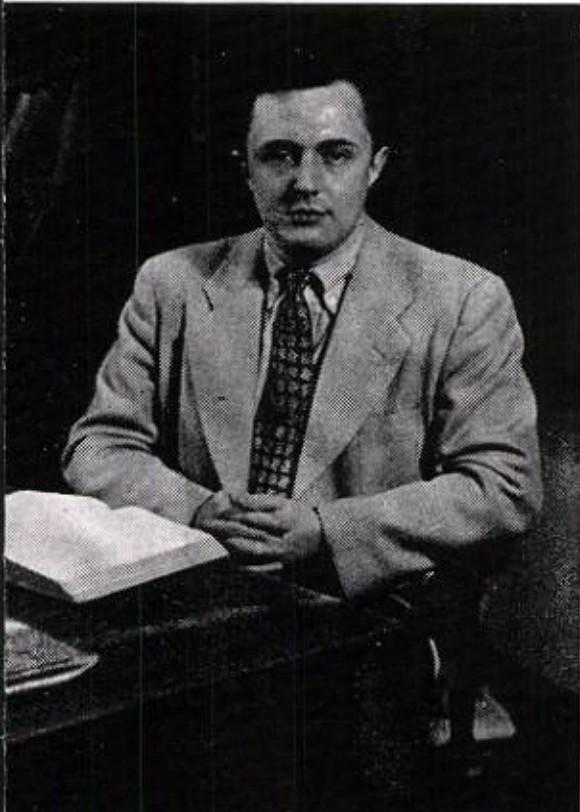
EARNEST SCHLICK  
Band  
Chorus

BILLIE STAUBUS  
Home Ec. I  
Boys' Home Ec.  
FHA Adviser  
Sophomore Adviser

**MARYLAND POPE**  
Red Cross  
School Nurse



**FRED MORRIS**  
Agriculture  
Non-vocational Ag.  
FFA Adviser  
Freshman Adviser



**WILLIAM MOOGK**  
Journalism  
English I, III  
Hi-Light Adviser  
Dramatics Coach  
Junior Adviser

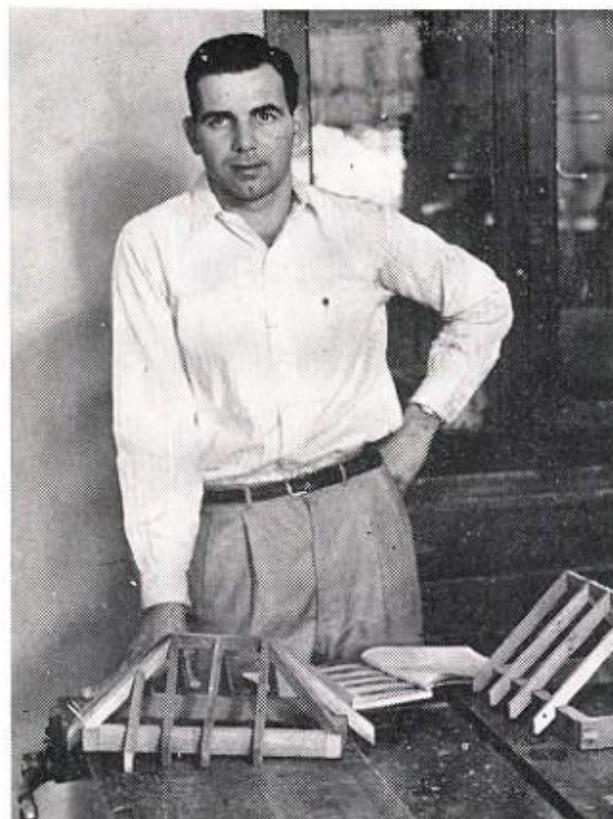
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Home Ec. II, III, IV  
FHA Adviser  
Junior Adviser



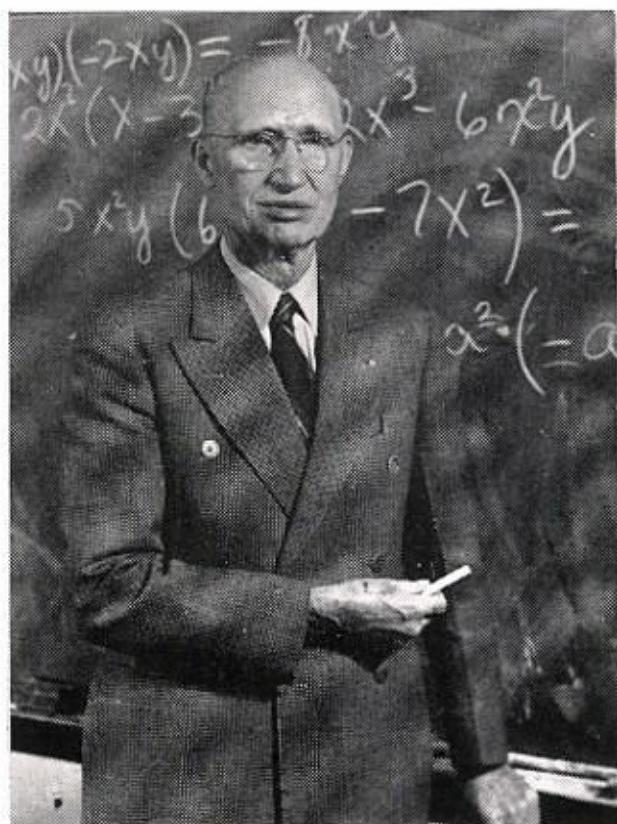
**JEAN EAST**  
Secretary

**LAURA THEURER**  
Secretary

MERRIL MANN  
Shop II  
Building Trades  
Freshman Football Coach  
Sophomore Adviser



JOSEPH ROLLINS  
Diversified Occupations  
Driver Training  
Sophomore Adviser



SAMUEL LEMARR  
Algebra I  
Plane Geometry  
Athletic Equipment  
Sophomore Adviser

ALICE POTTINGER  
English I  
Practical Math  
Commercial Arithmetic  
Sophomore Adviser

## Senior Annotations on the Curriculum

**SPEECH** — Believe it or not, speech students, those voices you heard on the recorder were actually yours.

**DEBATE** — "Resolved: that all . . ." Maybe we'd better all enlist before we get drafted.

**ENGLISH** — From *Ivanhoe* to *Macbeth*, from basal parts to gerunds and subjunctives, from autobiographies to semester research papers, the English classes have helped us to master our language.

**GENERAL SCIENCE** — Any frosh in this class will remember the fire extinguisher that didn't work.

**BIOLOGY** — The highlight, of course, is dissecting, but this year the sophomores could look at "things" through the new bioscope.

**CHEMISTRY** — As you probably know, the chemistry class is the "stinkiest" in school. No offense to the teacher or students personally.

**PHYSICS** — We'll never forget Mr. Norton's "violin" for the study of sound. (Well, at least it was supposed to be a sound.)

**ALGEBRA** — "Can you read this?" In algebra, "reading" is considerably more difficult.

**GEOMETRY** — s.a.s. = s.a.s. That's not code; if you want the secret, ask any geometry student.

**ALGEBRA II** — Sines, tangents, and logarithms are presented to confuse the juniors and seniors in advanced algebra and trigonometry.

**LATIN** — The only Latin that seems to be easy to remember is "amo te". We wonder why (?)

**SOCIAL SCIENCE** — Mr. Koeller needed a hammer to pound the "defense mechanisms" into the freshman heads.

**WORLD HISTORY** — Isn't it interesting to hear "first-hand" accounts about the rest of the world?

**ECONOMICS** — "Outline" is a familiar word to the students of this class, but we bet they learned economics that way.

**U. S. HISTORY** — We heard that Miss Brown actually got all the test papers corrected on the last day!

**TYPING** — "35 words a minute" is a terrifying thought at first, but it wasn't so hard, was it?

**SHORTHAND** — Those brief forms can be handy or otherwise. They're so brief, some can't even read them.

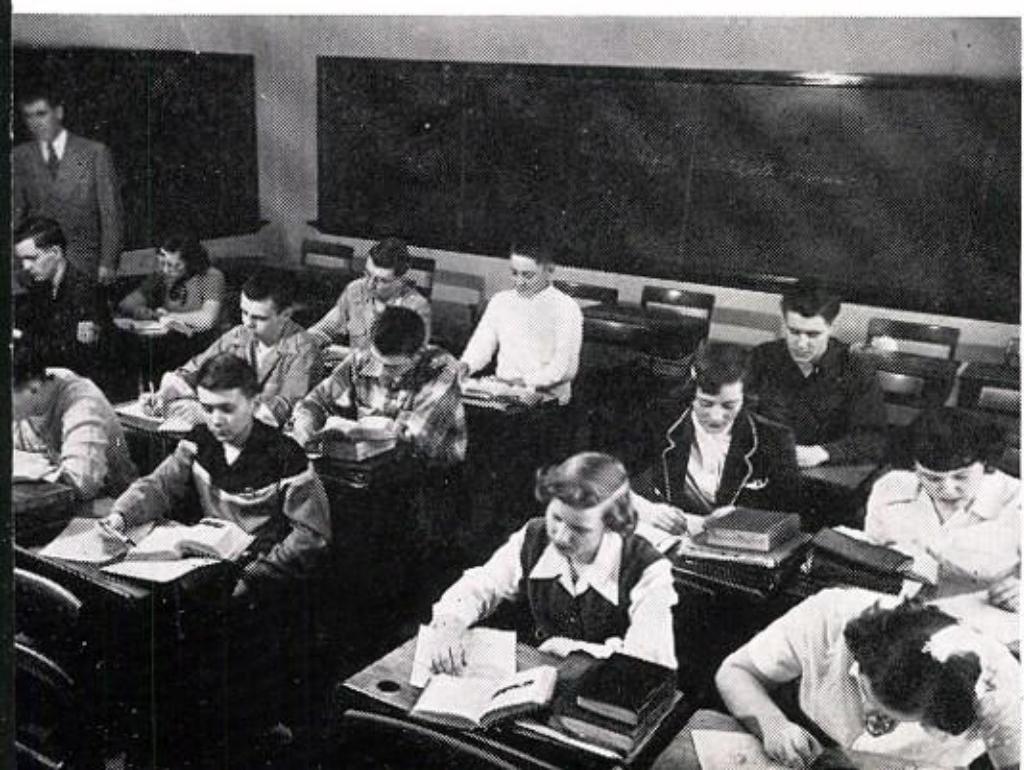
**BOOKKEEPING** — Numbers! Numbers! And those practice sets—you really ought to be good by now.

**OFFICE PRACTICE** — These "big wheel" senior girls that get to work in the office!

**ART** — If you don't know what an abstract creation is, you'd better take art next year.

**MUSIC** — "We wanna' play 'Tap Roots'" comes from the French horn section. You see, they have a pretty part.

Mr. East's Geometry class



Miss Schroeder's Home Ec. class

**MANUAL TRAINING** — Gee, all the new equipment this year! We don't know what to use first.

**BUILDING TRADES** — You big boys are supposed to be building a house, not picking on someone smaller than you are.

**DIVERSIFIED OCCUPATIONS** — Eventually the D. O. students got to work on time and got their work sheets in.

**DRIVERS TRAINING** — "What's your reaction time?" Maybe you'll all get your licenses yet.

**AGRICULTURE** — We hear you have a lot of tests in ag — maybe so, but think of the times you get out of school for field trips.

**HOME ECONOMICS** — Why is it? The girls won't use their thimbles and the boys forget to let their masterpieces cool before sampling them.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION** — "Hop-step-together-step." The girls even learn modern dances in gym. The boys had fun (?) wrestling. (After all, it was only a small percentage that broke their collarbones.)

**JOURNALISM** — "There's no news for my column." Mr. Moogk occasionally got hysterical hearing this explanation.

Mr. Doll's Bookkeeping class





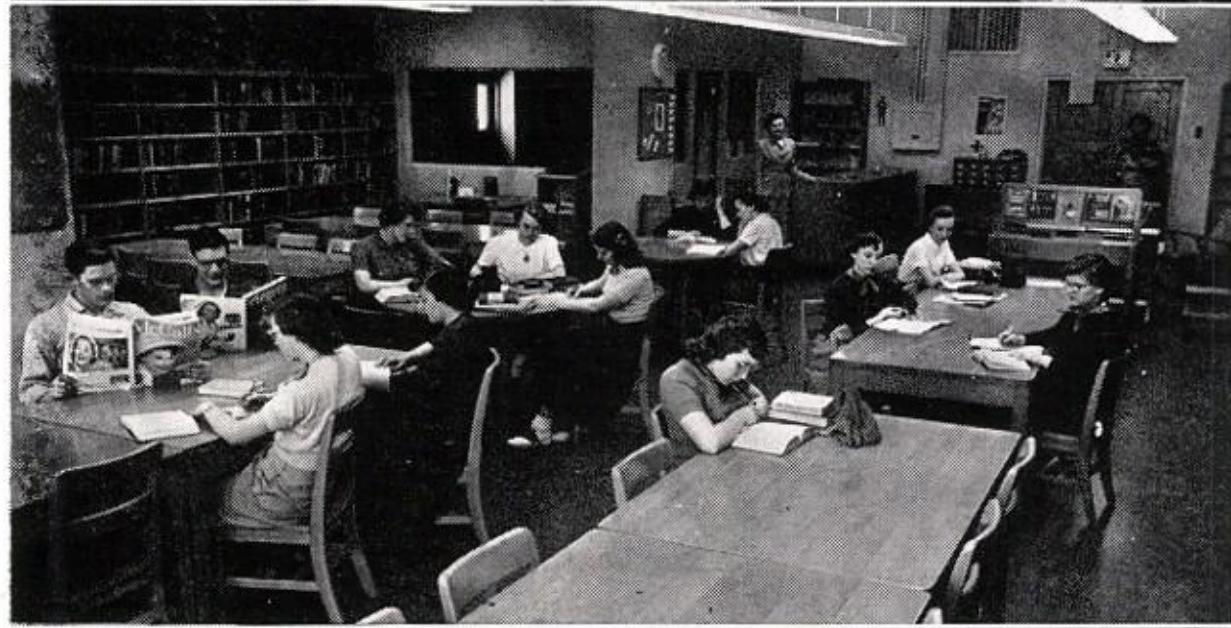
Mr. Rollin's Driver Training class



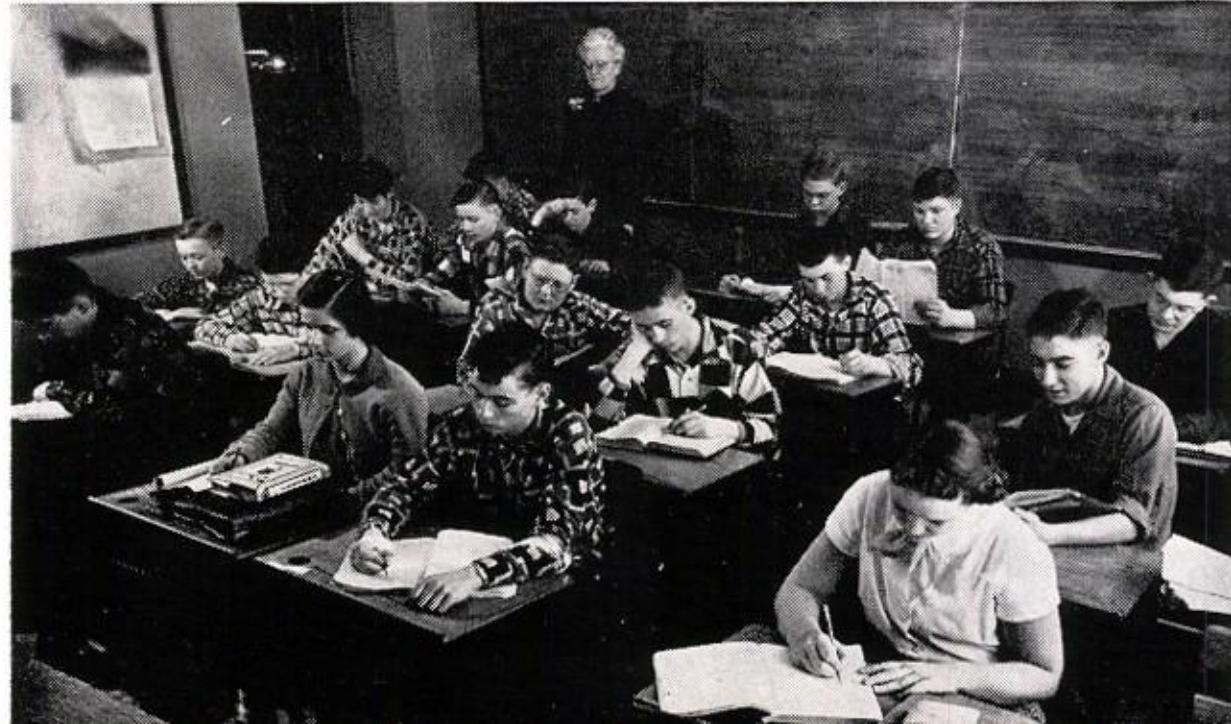
Mr. Lewis's General Science class



Mr. Koeller's Speech class



Mrs. Doenier's Library



Miss Pottinger's English class

# **WORKERS**

## *behind the scenes*



UR COOKS, custodians, and bus drivers had a large part in making this year the "time of our lives".

The cooks satisfied many hearty appetites by preparing and serving a variety of wholesome meals at reasonable prices.

The custodians were always around to lend a helping hand. They performed such essential jobs

**CUSTODIANS**  
W. Norris, C. Cross, G. Miller



**BUS DRIVERS**  
BACK ROW: M. Skaggs, J. Rollins, I. Smith, C. Anderson, C. Davis  
FIRST ROW: E. Brown, W. Moss, N. Spencer, C. Wills



**COOKS**  
Mrs. Truckenbrod, Mrs. Durham

as: mowing the lawns, keeping the campus tidy, repairing anything that needed it and keeping the home fires of MHS burning through the cold winter months.

The bus drivers had the important task of transporting the students to and from school. Considering muddy roads, bad weather, and mechanical difficulties, this was no easy job.

# *Newer classes prepare us for the future*

## *Building Trades*

PROJECT NUMBER one was started in the fall of '50 by Merrill Mann with the help of sixteen high school boys. The foundation was set and poured and left until the spring of '51. A rough framing and roof were then constructed.

In the fall of '51 work was again started with eleven high school boys. After the work on the outside of the house was finished, the boys started on the inside.

The house, when finished, will have all the modern conveniences. It will be heated by an oil heater, located in the basement. The walls of the house will have dry wall construction except those of the bathroom and kitchen which will be plastered. It has five rooms with a connecting garage.

The painting of the house will be undertaken by Gilbert Gehler and the members of his shop classes.

The planning of the interior decoration was done by the home economic classes under the direction of Miss Schroeder and Miss Staubus.

After the completion of the project an open house will be held, giving the public an opportunity to view the work done by students. The house is to be sold at a public auction.

This being an unusual course at MHS, comparatively few have undertaken the work. But these boys worked hard to learn the building trade and have done their work well. The knowledge and skills gained will be invaluable to them in time to come.

LEFT TO RIGHT: H. Brunner, B. Dewey, C. Rich, N. Inman, E. Salomone, E. Schweiger, J. Gehler, D. Hayman, D. Lewis, J. Wixom, R. Klinefelter, Mr. Mann





BACK ROW: D. Ward, C. Rohr, D. Danekas, R. Sibigroth, P. Phalen, H. Sauer, R. Boykin  
 MIDDLE ROW: Mr. Rollins, A. Steele, K. Ryan, D. Biers, D. Gunn, K. McLaughlin, E. Nance, G. Schmidt, N. Phalen  
 SEATED: W. Bromenschenkel, V. Young, J. Eichorn, D. Jones, E. Mathesius, J. Longbein, L. Spitz, E. Peasley, H. Kessinger

**A** CO-OPERATIVE part-time diversified occupations program may include many occupations. To the small community, such as Mendota, this plan makes possible a program of occupational training combining work on the job with opportunity for study in school. It is true that the student learner must, under supervision and direction, assume a large part of the responsibility for searching out information pertinent to his chosen occupation. For the alert and ambitious youngster this should be a challenge rather than a handicap.

Since the adoption of such a program five years ago Mendota High School has provided training for more than one hundred students. Among the different occupations these students have studied

for, there are: electrician, draftsman, store manager, printer, plumber, mechanics, pressman, sheet metal worker, auto body and fender repairman, linotype operator, radio servicemen, retail clerk, service station operator, and many more, with new jobs cropping up all the time. In addition to providing the student with a chance to learn a trade, this often develops into a full-time job upon graduation from school.

For this work the student-learner receives two credits, one for classroom study and one for on-the-job training at the place of employment. He or she also receives pay for this work, the amount of such depending upon the type of occupation etc. Each year the students hold an employer-employee banquet, which usually proves to be interesting to everyone.

## Diversified Occupations

Ken McLaughlin .....	Rapp's Imp.
Harry Kessinger .....	Wayside Press
LaVerne Spitz .....	Wayside Press
Dale Danekas .....	Wayside Press
James Eichorn .....	Wayside Press
Victor Young .....	Wayside Press
Gene Schmidt .....	Mendota Transfer
Betty Mathesius .....	Community Hospital
Allen Steele .....	National Tea Store
Jerry Longbein .....	Reeser Farm Equip.
Bob Sibigroth .....	Bailey's Funeral Home
Bill Bromenschenkel .....	Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Junior Nance .....	Fred Lucas
Patrick Phalen .....	Leo's Studio
Dan Biers .....	Kroger Store
David Ward .....	Schmitz Imp.
Don Jones .....	Wayside Press
Curtis Rohr .....	Widmer and Son
Ed Peasley .....	Hunky Dory Dairy
Ken Ryan .....	Holdenrid's Shoe Store
Bob Boykin .....	Classons Grocery Store
Dick Hosto .....	Cross Body & Fender Shop
Nick Phalen .....	Mendota Plumbing & Heating
Don Gunn .....	Barney & Ray's Service Station



BACK ROW: E. Larson, Mrs. Doenier, R. Ough, D. Morsch,  
R. Brown, B. Williams, R. Booth  
FIRST ROW: N. Gove, M. Cork, M. Bruckner, S. Biers, J.  
Heinzeroth, D. Buck, D. Bumba, J. Vogelsang, H. Oberholz,  
A. Kehoe

### LIBRARIANS

We are all proud of our new and modern library that was installed this year. The librarians wouldn't be able to keep all the books and magazines in their proper places without assistance, for we must remember that the regular librarians also teach classes and that's no easy task.

We would like to congratulate the assistant librarians for helping to keep the library just as neat and new looking as the first day it was opened.



LEFT TO RIGHT: W. Durham, S. Nelson, R. Booth, P. Whitmore

### CANDY SELLERS

Do you like candy? If you were asked that question you would probably answer, "Why certainly; who doesn't?" A little candy during the noon hour gives us the added "oomph" that is needed to finish out a "hard" day at school. But who is willing to give up their free time at noon to sell candy to the rest of the students? For this reason credit should be given to the candy sellers for the fine job they did this year.

## We, too, have our V.I.P.'S

### KITCHEN HELP

Do you ever wonder who washes all the dishes, trays, and silverware after all those hungry students get done eating in the cafeteria? This job is done more easily through the help of a group of girls who give up their own time for this job. And it is a job! We must not forget that the food that is eaten must be dished out and prepared. You may say that this is done by the cooks, but without the help of the girls the cooks would have a twenty-four-hour-a-day job.

LEFT TO RIGHT: S. Nelson, M. Schwemlein, J. Coonen, D. Klinefelter, C. Reppin, J. Richards, J. Powell, P. Whitmore, D. Mosher, P. Roth, G. Funfsinn, H. Rider



### TECHNICIANS

There is one group around school that no one sees very much, but which does one of the most important jobs. This group is called the technicians and is under the guidance of Mr. Norton. The job of showing movies, repairing microphones, setting up loud speaking systems, and just about any other job that there is to do is performed by these boys.

BACK ROW: D. Jones, J. Cummings, N. Worsley, J. Gehler, J. Hochstatter, R. Childers, C. Sondgeroth, J. Eichorn, J. Spanier  
FRONT ROW: J. Whitmore, Mr. Norton, J. McKenzie, W. Durham





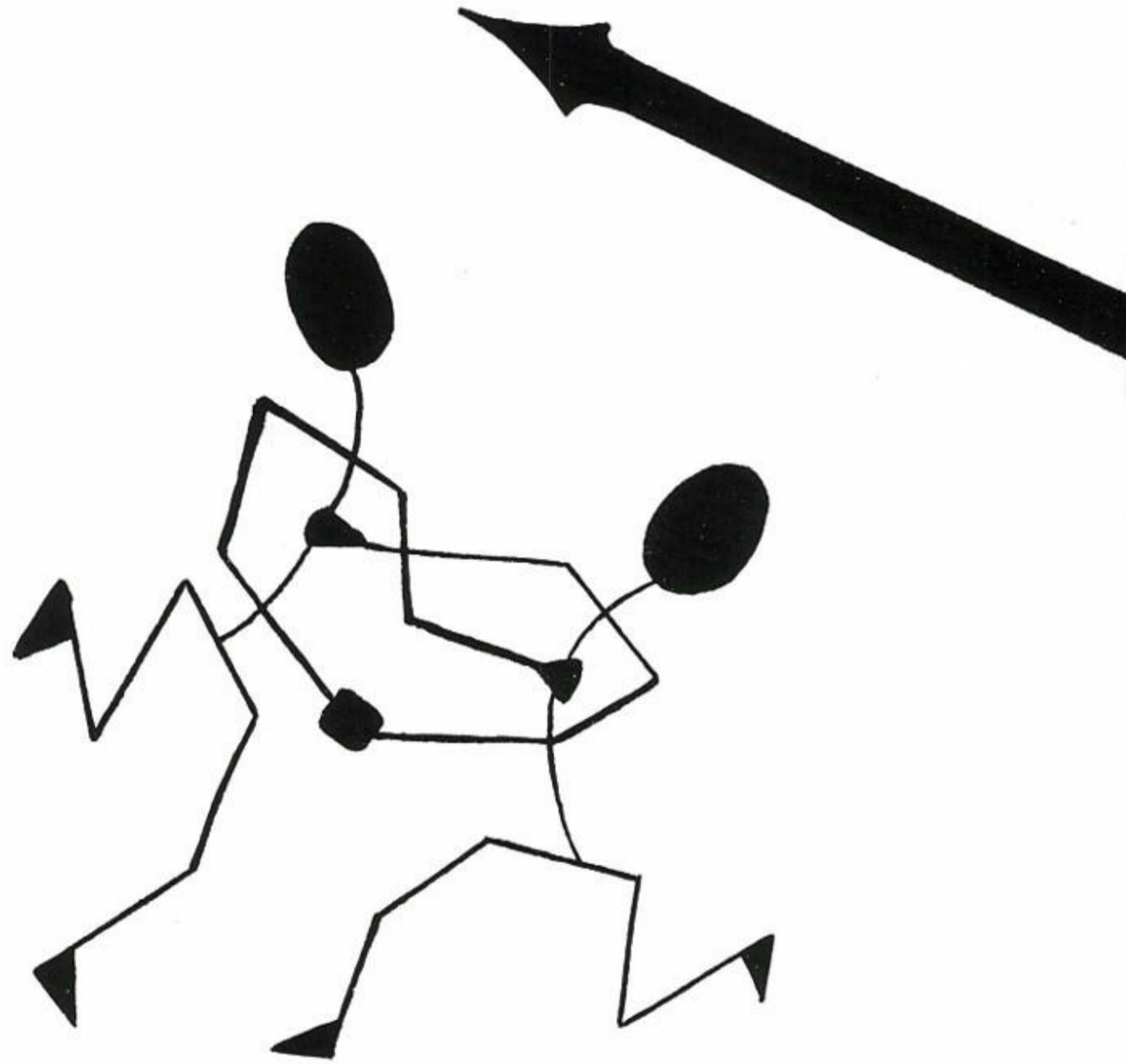
**STUDENT COUNCIL**

**GAA**

**FFA**

**FHA**

*Time for*



**BROADCASTING COUNCIL DEBATE NFL**

# *Everything*



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**SPEECH JOURNALISM MUSIC ATODNEM**

# STUDENT COUNCIL...

**J**N THE SPRING of '51 the second annual formal initiation was held in honor of the new officers and members. The officers that had been elected were Janice Pohl, president; Jim Gehler, vice-president; DeLores Preston, secretary-treasurer; and Leonard Dunn, parliamentarian. To help Miss Payne with the duties of adviser, Mr. James Koeller was appointed.

The first project to get under way was freshman orientation day. Tours through the school were conducted by council members, then the freshmen were run through a short schedule of their classes.

The plans for the fifth annual homecoming got under way immediately. October 5 was the date chosen for the big day. Colorful shaker plumes and mums sold by council members added pep and enthusiasm to the students. School was dismissed at two o'clock and the parade, with a variety of floats, began.

The coronation of the king, Doug Sterchi, and the queen, Mary Sheridan, took place on the field before the varsity game. This year the royal couple wore purple satin robes and were carried on the field on litters, decorated in the school colors, by members of the Frosh-Soph football squad. They were crowned by the varsity co-captains, and the queen was presented with a bouquet of mums.

They were preceded by their court consisting of: Jim Gehler and Pat Mealey, seniors; Glen Fischer and Dorothy Lau, sophmores; and Don Kessel and Patti Miller, freshmen. The crown bearers, carrying the crowns of the king and queen and also wearing purple satin robes, were Peggy Mathesius and Billy Kobusch. The royal court then took their places in their reserved section of the grandstand while the band saluted them with a fanfare.

After the game, the alumni, student body, and the Geneseo students enjoyed dancing until midnight. The gym was lavishly decorated in a Chinese theme with pagodas at either end and Chinese lanterns adorning the sides. The grand march was led by the king and queen and their court.

The council members, as well as their advisers, gave a huge sigh of relief when the big event was over at last. Every effort was made to make this year's homecoming bigger and better than ever.

As the holiday season grew near, once again the council decorated a Christmas tree and placed it above the front stairway. Strains of familiar carols were heard throughout the halls between classes.

The council undertook many projects this year, such as: maintaining a checkroom at all home basketball games; selling football and basketball pen-

## *Janice Pohl Installed As*





BACK ROW: N. Ehlers, R. Boykin, J. Gehler, L. Dunn, H. Schmidt, R. Fitzsimmons, W. Gardner, J. Meyer, D. Piller  
SECOND ROW: D. Preston, C. Calderwood, M. Montagnoli, D. Kramer, J. Sonntag, N. Lucas, H. Shed, E. Sollitt  
FIRST ROW: L. Truckenbrod, Miss Payne, W. Klinge, D. Rider, E. Larson, J. Pohl, Mr. Koeller

cils and purple and gold bookcovers; providing council members to introduce assembly programs; giving an assembly program; and presenting a picture to the school.

Harriet Shed and Bill Gardner were chosen to be the delegates to the state convention in Peoria on April 24 and 25. They brought back many new

ideas and projects to the council. They contributed many fine suggestions from their experiences there. Mr. Koeller, adviser, accompanied them.

The undertakings of the 1951-1952 Student Council contained much hard work, but also a lot of fun. The council has had a very successful year in bringing about a better school atmosphere and keeping up school activities.

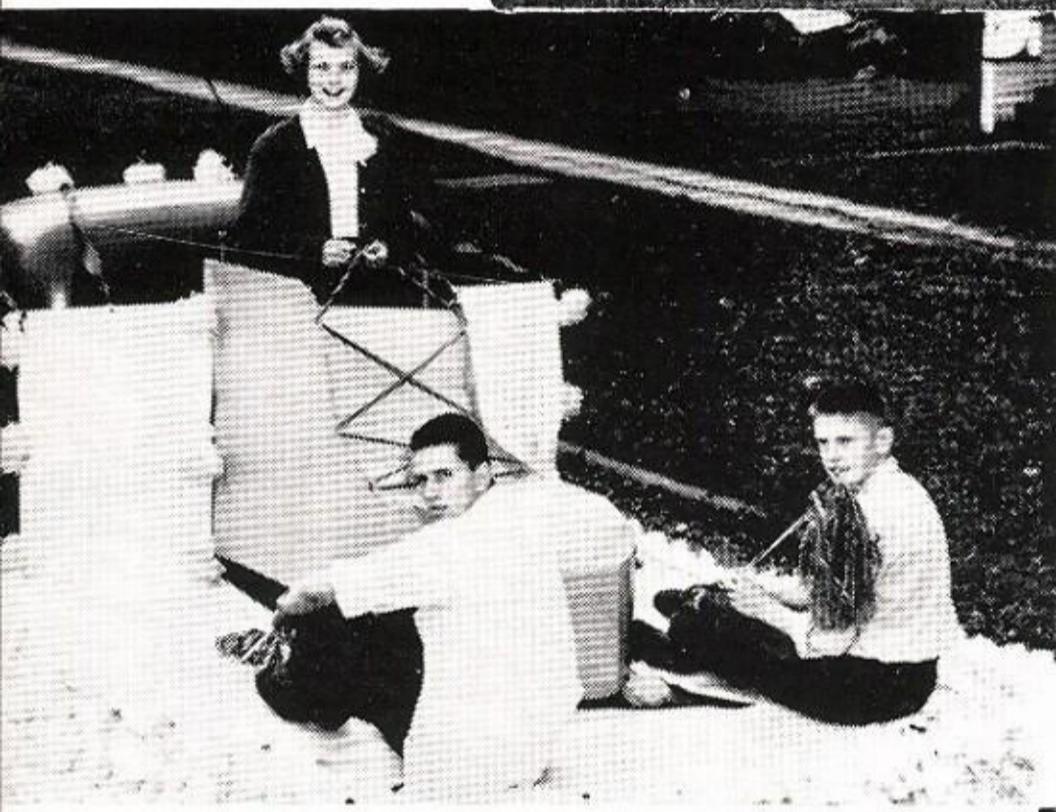
## *President At Formal Initiation*



# H O M E C O M I N G



To reign over this year's homecoming affairs Mary Sheridan was chosen queen and Doug Sterchi king. The co-captains, Dave Karl and Ed Peasley, crowned the king and queen at the homecoming game before a capacity crowd.

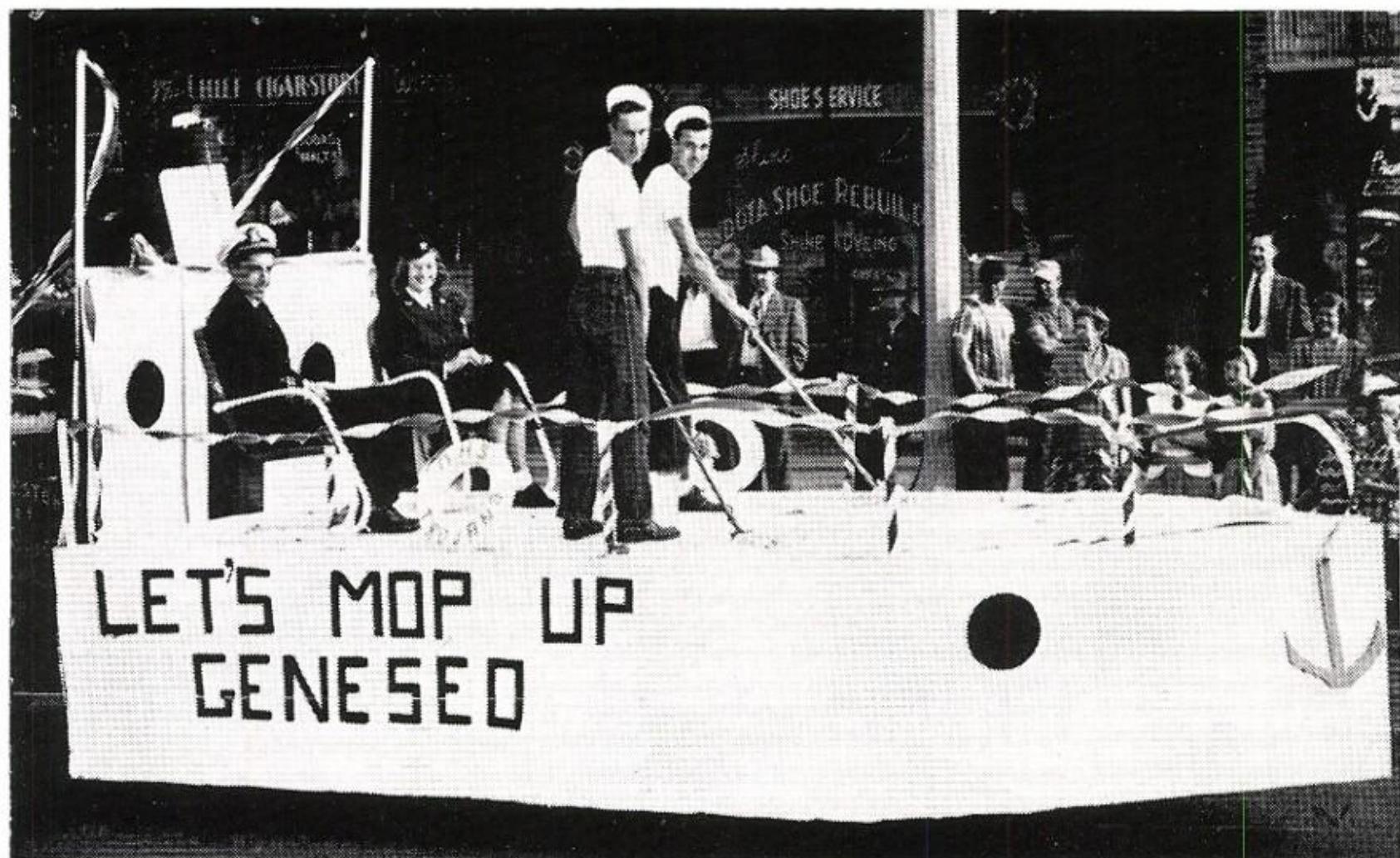


The Student Council had an attractive float which portrayed Nancy Lucas finishing the job of lacing up the shoe. The council had Geneseo all "laced up".

The FHA girls are wishing the Trojans luck with their theme "Our Trojans Rose to Fame and They Rise Again".



# *PARADE, GAME, and DANCE*



Seniors elected to positions of honor were Pat Mealey and Jim Gehler. The float was beautifully done with the theme "Let's Mop Up Geneseo".

The Hi-light float finds the "reporters" getting photos of the defeated homecoming opponent.

The GAA and The Trojan horse.



**A**T THE FIRST meeting of the GAA many new and old faces were present. This seemed to designate that a successful year was ahead.

In the fall these newcomers were seen taking part in the first activity of the season, which was hockey. As the teams got on the field the battles were fought hard and fierce. Many bruises were secured. Over the shouting and screaming of the players could be heard Mrs. Brent's whistle. Then Mrs. Brent, calling the fouls, would yell "sticks" or "dangerous hitting". At first the freshmen were taken aback by the mean sticks of some of the more experienced players, but they soon caught on and were in there hitting just as hard as the next fellow. There was no tournament played this year as in previous years.

For the homecoming parade the Girls Athletic Association prepared a Trojan horse. It was a car with a "Trojan" on top and a Trojan horse head for the front with a large tongue signifying the "Licking of Geneseo."



***Hockey***  
***Archery***  
***Tumbling***  
***Volley Ball***  
***Basketball***  
***Golf***  
***Softball***

A little later in the year volleyball and tumbling were carried on. Volleyball was quite tame compared to tumbling. There was more than one person who, in doing a flip, hit her head on the floor; but they continued to come out for this activity. After all what's a few bumps or bruises?

Basketball was the main interest in February. Of course there were the usual fouls and consequently questions about the rules — "Charging? On me? That ain't right!" And, oh yes, there were plenty of floor burns.

The GAA sponsored a unique All School Party which was held in the school's gym and cafeteria in February. It was different because games as well as dancing were included on the agenda.

Then, later in the year an initiation was held. All newcomers who had met the standard requirements were eligible to become full-fledged members. There was both a formal and informal initiation held.

In the spring the Mendota GAA sponsored a playday for the schools in the North Central Conference. Playday is a gathering of the GAA organizations of the schools of the section. Everyone participated in the games that were played.

Softball and archery were the sports played in the spring. They were played alternately during the week. Everybody enjoyed these sports.

So another year of GAA has ended successfully. Not only were its activities enjoyed by all, but it promoted better sportsmanship and health. Thus, the Girl's Athletic Association has had a part in making these years the time of our lives.



BACK ROW: S. Scott, N. Herbert, N. Frizol, J. Vogelsang, J. Pohl, P. Ehlers, J. Welsch, D. Rider, D. Bumba, B. Klein, J. Gray  
FIFTH ROW: S. Montagnoli, M. Ebbinghaus, D. Goubeaux, D. Piller, D. McLaughlin, J. Brown, S. Castle, P. Whitmore, B. Pohl, N. Gove, B. Schwingle  
FOURTH ROW: D. Preston, D. Ohlinger, M. Walter, M. Cork, M. Montagnoli, S. Prescott, D. Skaggs, M. Guilfoyle, B. Bromenschenkel, J. Powell, D. Mosher, M. Miller  
THIRD ROW: S. Biers, C. Pierson, D. Kramer, N. Lucas, J. Sonntag, M. Sonntag, B. Gorman, J. Sauer, J. Lambert, D. Keefe, P. Miller, R. Sollitt, P. Booth  
SECOND ROW: Mrs. Brent, B. Williams, B. Schmidt, A. Weiss, N. Phalen, D. Heltness, B. Martin, M. Boyle, D. Cotton, C. Calderwood, S. Rave, O. Spenader, P. Bierwirth  
FIRST ROW: K. Weiss, P. Heininger, H. Shed, D. Martin, S. Kilburn, P. Mealey, E. Larson, J. Wilhelm, E. Kuehl, B. Spanier, M. Bruckner

## *INITIATION . . . Bad time for new members*



# Achievements and Awards

**A**NOTHER successful year came to a close for the FFA under the capable leadership of adviser Fred Morris.

During the year numerous awards were won and achievements made which can always be looked at with pride by the boys.

The FFA's annual fair was held this year at Ottawa. Lyle Truckenbrod again took top honors with his champion angus beef heifer. The chapter had twelve boys showing, the largest number that it has ever had.

On September 12, the FFA held its leadership school at Illini Park near Marseilles. All the officers from the various chapters in section 8 attended the meeting which is called yearly to discuss many things and elect district officers.

The lunch stand at the fair this year proved to be very successful as it netted the chapter \$332. This money is used to sponsor the Parent-Son Banquet.

Lyle Truckenbrod, last year's president, was awarded the State Farmer Key. Lyle also received the beef production plaque for section 8 and was voted outstanding graduating senior in agriculture.

There were a number of excellent field trips for the boys which had been planned by Mr. Morris. At the Truckenbrod farm near LaMoille they were shown how several thousand pounds of honey are extracted, processed, and sold each year. When

they arrived at the farm of Sam Beetz they saw how over one hundred tons of beef are produced annually. Two interesting trips which dealt with the raising of poultry were also taken.

December was the month for the chapter's annual Parent-Son Banquet. The program consisted of slides of different projects, each boy describing his own as it was shown. Eighty-three were present.

Six boys served as officers for the 1951-52 school year. They were: Dean Waller, president; Bill Gorman, vice president; Dick Smith, secretary; Lynn Truckenbrod, treasurer; Walter Meyer, reporter; Ronald Montavon, watchdog; and Fred Morris, adviser.

Four boys in the chapter belong to the Junior Dairy Herd Improvement Association. They were Keith Clement, John Fassig, Dick Brandt, and Willard Castle. Keith is keeping records on his own cow as well as six of his father's. John, Dick, and Willard each have one cow.

The Rod brothers, Fritz and Donald, had a fertilizer test plot which proved to be very interesting when the crops which were planted on it were checked for yield. Ronald Montavon had a corn plot in which he had planted ten different varieties of corn.

The All School Party which the chapter sponsored was a big success. It was a square dance and everybody came dressed in jeans and cottons for the occasion.

BACK ROW: F. Damer, J. Fassig, R. Anderson, W. Castle, R. Brandt, D. Fassig, F. Ward, R. Gillette, D. Schwingle  
SECOND ROW: K. Clement, E. Hitchins, H. Nurnberg, E. Finley, A. Aughenbaugh, B. Miller, A. Munson, D. Rod, W.  
Andrews, L. Wendel  
FIRST ROW: Mr. Morris, R. Smith, L. Truckenbrod, W. Gorman, D. Waller, D. Wilson, R. Montavon



# *today mark Future Farmers for tomorrow*



## *Projects 1951 — 52*

Eldon Hitchens . . . . .	1 purebred ewe and lamb
Eldon Hoelzer . . . . .	7 sows and litters
Bruce Miller . . . . .	2 beef steers
Timmie Munson . . . . .	4 sows and litters
Harold Nurnberg . . . . .	2 sow pigs
Lee Wendel . . . . .	2 dairy calves 1 sow and litter
Dale Wilson . . . . .	1 beef heifer 1 beef steer 1 sow and litter
Keith Clement . . . . .	3 sows and litters 1 cow and calf
Fred Damer . . . . .	100 white rock chicks
Roger Gillette . . . . .	corn
Dick Smith . . . . .	corn
Frank Ward . . . . .	undecided
Donald Rod . . . . .	20 beef steers
Ronald Montavon . . . . .	2 cows, heifer 2 calves
Duane Fassig . . . . .	purebred holstein heifer 8 sows and litters

William Andrews . . . . .	1 beef cow 1 sow and litter
Allen Augenbaugh . . . . .	2 purebred sheep and lambs
Dick Brandt . . . . .	1 milk cow
Earl Finley . . . . .	2 beef steers
Dean Waller . . . . .	1 ram, 11 ewes and lambs
Douglas Sterchi . . . . .	1 beef cow and calf
Roger Anderson . . . . .	4 sows and litters
William Gorman . . . . .	2 beef steers 1 beef heifer
John Fassig . . . . .	1 milk cow 1 sow and litter
Willard Castle . . . . .	1 purebred guernsey cow 1 purebred guernsey heifer 1 purebred guernsey bull
Lynn Truckenbrod . . . . .	3 beef steers 2 beef cows and calves
Willis Stevenson . . . . .	2 sows and litters
Duane Schwingle . . . . .	3 sows and litters
Ernest Haage . . . . .	sow and litter

# B R O A D C A S T I N G C O U N C I L

**P**ERHAPS MOST of you have never seen a silent movie, but, if you have, you know how boring and dull it is when compared with a sound movie. That is the same way our football games would be without the broadcasting council. The play by play descriptions of this year's home games added color and promoted interest in our championship team. Everyone likes to know who made the last touchdown, or who caught that long pass. So, much credit should be given to the students who, under the capable direction of Miss Swanson, Miss Breese, and Mr. Koeller, provided the finishing touches to a very successful football season.

The sales and copy committee, with the splendid co-operation of thirty-seven merchants and business firms, acquired \$155. This was the sum paid for the advertising announced between quarters and during half-time. Later, additional money was earned by rental of the equipment to certain outside organizations who used the school auditorium.

Mr. Norton acted as chief technician. He performed such tasks as setting up microphones and loud speakers or repairing defective electrical equipment. He was capably assisted by student technicians.

There was no broadcasting at basketball games this year, but members of the broadcasting council aided in setting up the public address system at school parties and other school events.

The broadcasting council is a senior class sponsored organization and is an asset in promoting a modern atmosphere around MHS.

BACK ROW: D. McCollum, E. Bumba, W. Gardner, H. Oberholz (not pictured)  
MIDDLE ROW: R. Leiser, J. Roach, Miss Swanson, Miss Breese, Mr. Koeller, E. Jewel, W. Prescott  
FIRST ROW: A. Kehoe, T. Driver, D. Oberholz, D. Ohlinger





BACK ROW: J. Edwards, M. Cork, D. Bumba, G. Funfsinn, M. Farmer, M. Goubeaux, J. Wilhelm, N. Wood  
 THIRD ROW: N. Eich, D. Klinefelter, R. Steele, B. Campbell, S. Jones, N. Steele, J. Powell, M. Glaser  
 SECOND ROW: Miss Schroeder, P. Roth, D. Goubeaux, B. Spanier, F. Delhotal, N. Frizol, Miss Staubus  
 FIRST ROW: P. Kessler, M. Harris



FUTURE HOMEMAKERS of America is an organization whose members are girls who have taken at least one semester of home economics and have met the requirements for membership.

At the first meeting of the year, which was held at Lake Mendota, the new officers were installed. The officers were: Bernice Spanier, president; Donna Goubeaux, vice-president; Francis Delhotal, treasurer; Nancy Frizol, secretary; Pat Roth, parliamentarian; Geraldine Funfsinn, scrapbook chairman; Ruth Harris, reporter; Mrs. Harold Roth, chapter mother. The teachers of MHS and Lincoln were guests for the occasion. It was also voted at this meeting that future meetings be held on the third Thursday of each month.

For these meetings special arrangements were made. Committees provided for a program, entertainment, and for refreshments after a business meeting was held.

At some of the meetings interesting programs were presented. Mr. Mauntel gave a talk on hobbies. Miss Pottinger also gave a talk on her favorite subject — flowers. At this meeting the mothers of the members were the guests of honor.

For the homecoming parade the FHA constructed a very attractive float with the theme of "Our Trojans rose to fame, and they shall rise again."

Each meeting brought out one of the eight purposes of the FHA. The advisers, Miss Staubus and Miss Schroeder, saw that each of these purposes was carried out.

To make money for the chapter, they had use of the "dog house" at one of the football games. Later on a bake sale was held, which proved successful in raising the funds of the treasury.

Carol Johnson represented the Mendota Chapter at the F. H. A. camp in Bloomington.

One of the most important activities this year was the presentation of the all-school Christmas Party. The very appropriate theme was "Silver Bells". The party originally was to be held in the evening but due to bad weather it was postponed until the afternoon of the next day.

# F U T U R E H O M E M A K E R S

# We debated

## CONSCRIPTION

**B**UT there is a need. . . . I have proven to you. . . . What a judge! . . . How did you make out?" were heard often as students debated the question RESOLVED: That all American citizens should be subject to conscription for essential service in time of war. The season was a busy one with twenty-two students participating in debate and discussion and a total of sixteen different tournaments.

Not only has it been a busy year but a successful one as well. The season began at Lake Forest where the teams participated in discussion and four debates, winning all but one. Next came Geneseo where Mendota tied for first place with a seven-win, one-loss record. After debating at a non-decisional bout at LaGrange, the teams again tied for first place honors at Normal with a seven-win, one-loss record. After Mr. Koeller purchased a radio for his car it gave the debaters something else to argue about. . . .what station to listen to. This

caused a lot of discussion on the way to the later debates at DeKalb and Blue Island. Each of the teams at DeKalb won one and lost two of their debates. At Blue Island Mendota tied for second place with five wins and three losses. The next tournament was a memorable two-day bout at Augustana College where Mendota emerged with five wins and seven losses. Mendota was host to the conference tournament in which Mendota again took first place with a seven-win, one-loss record. The final debate of the season was the sectional contest held at Dwight. At this tourney both teams won one out of the three debates held.

The Junior Varsity has also enjoyed a fruitful season. It tied for first place in debate at Normal. At the same tournament two of the members, Kenneth Emerick and Thomas Driver, received rating of superior and excellence respectively in discussion. At a tournament held in Mendota the Junior Varsity again showed its ability by winning first

BACK ROW: A. Weiss, D. Kramer, C. Harmon, K. Emerick, B. Bromenschenkel, P. Bierwirth  
MIDDLE ROW: Mr. Koeller, R. Becket, T. Driver, G. Beardsley, J. Etzbach, D. Oberholz  
FIRST ROW: R. Jackson, I. Yenerich, K. Weiss, S. Davis, J. Vogelsang, P. Ehlers, R. Leiser



# IN TIME OF WAR

place. The Junior Varsity also took part in the tournament at DeKalb with two wins and four losses and at Blue Island where they emerged with a four-win, four-loss record.

The debate groups participated in a new activity this year, that being the N. F. L. Student Congress which was held in Elgin. At this event there were committee meetings in the morning in which various bills were discussed and amended for the later meeting. In the afternoon, discussion following parliamentary procedure was carried on and the bills were voted on. The procedure closely follows that of the United States Congress.

Thus another successful season has closed, but the memories will linger on. Never will those participating forget the fun they have had, the difficulty of trying to get there on time, the friends met, and the many other happenings that added interest to a wonderful year.

## VARSITY SQUAD

LEFT TO RIGHT: S. Davis, K. Weiss, J. Vogelsang, Mr. Koeller, C. Harmon, R. Leiser



## N. F. L.

Promoting interest and giving recognition for participation in speech activities are the purposes of the National Forensic League. These ideas have been well carried out under the leadership of Jane Vogelsang, president; William Gardner, vice-president; and Sherrill Davis, secretary-treasurer. The Mendota chapter has been active this year. It has sponsored an all-school party, given a radio program held at DeKalb, and held regular monthly meetings. Many of its active members have taken part in assemblies given before the student body. Such activities go to show that the time and interest given by its members were well spent.

## N. F. L.

STANDING: K. Weiss, W. Gardner, C. Harmon, R. Leiser, Mr. Koeller  
SEATED: S. Davis, M. Bruckner, H. Shed, J. Vogelsang, M. Ebbinghaus, H. Oberholz, V. Smith



# *Extra time proved the key to*



SPEECH CONTESTANTS  
STANDING: R. Leiser, J. Rave, Mr. Koeller, C. Harmon, G. Olson  
SEATED: A. Becket, D. Ohlinger, R. Booth, J. Vogelsang, M. Bruckner, H. Oberholz

MENDOTA again showed her interest and enthusiasm, as well as her ability, in speech contests this year. Ten students under the direction of Mr. Koeller took part in the North Central Conference Tourney held at Geneseo on February 23.

The lighter side of the picture was portrayed by Peggy Booth and Darlene Ohlinger in comedy reading.

Jane Vogelsang and Gary Olson showed their ability to write as well as excel in speaking by participating respectively in original oratory and original monologue.

Dick Leiser proved his aptitude for organizing and dealing with many subjects in his extempore speaking. Jim Rave upheld Mendota by giving five minutes of the latest news in his category, radio speaking.

Helen Oberholz gave a serious reading, Ramona Becket read poetry, and Mary Lou Bruckner participated in both. Charles Harmon entered in oratorical declamation.

The next contest was the district held at Joliet. Seven of the ten contestants participating at Geneseo also took part here. The contest play "Which is the Way to Boston" was given under the direction

*success for . . .*

## *Speech & Play Contestants*

of Mr. Moogk. This play had been given twice publicly before this time, once at the dramatic festival at Ottawa and once before the student assembly. Mary Ebbinghaus, Peggy Booth, Jim Rave and Bill Durham represented the characters in the play while Patti Heininger served as prompter and Darlene Ohlinger acted as student director. This play placed third which entitled it to advance to sectional competition. Four of the students entered in the speech activities also were entitled to enter section work. These were Mary Lou Bruckner in poetry reading, Jim Rave in radio speaking, Jane Vogelsang in original oratory, and Gary Olson in original monologue.

The sectional speech contest was held March 29 at Dwight. The contest play placed fourth in this tournament out of the nine plays that had advanced to sectional competition. Mary Lou Bruckner took part in extempore verse reading and placed fourth out of the twelve contestants entered. Gary Olson represented Mendota with his humorous original monologue entitled "The Saga of the Ancient Tonsorial Artist" and Jim Rave entered the radio speaking contest. Jane Vogelsang gave her oration on lobbyists called "Masters of Government." She received first place out of a field of eleven competitors. This entitled her to attend the state contest held at the University of Illinois.

CONTEST PLAY  
STANDING: W. Durham, Mr. Moogk, J. Rave, P. Heininger  
SEATED: D. Ohlinger, P. Booth, M. Ebbinghaus



# As Deadline TIME Nears . . .



**T**UESDAY ALREADY! Our columns are due today! We haven't got a bit of news.

What are we going to do?" These were the familiar cries heard from the journalism class as the deadline for the Hi-Light drew near. But the Hi-Light came out each week with a variety of interesting news.

This year has marked the Hi-Light's 27th consecutive year of success. High school students have written about themselves and their school activities to gain better understanding and co-operation among school, parents, and the community.

Besides publishing the Hi-Light the journalism class presented a radio program on WLPO, which consisted of a news forecast of the school activities throughout the year and a humorous skit written by two of the journalism students.

The journalism class also sponsored a float in the homecoming parade. The float represented a

so-called "murder" scene with reporters, photographers, and all the trimmings.

Three members of the Hi-Light staff traveled to Champaign to attend the Illinois State High School Press Association. They had the privilege of hearing several noted journalists and professors of journalism who lectured on editorials, photography, makeup, etc.

The Quill and Scroll is an honorary society for high school journalists. Members of the Quill and Scroll have to do some work in high school publications. They must be co-operative. Faculty recommendations along with a sample of each person's writing were sent to the executive secretary of the society. Each member received a membership card and pin.

Thanks to Mr. Moogk for his help and guidance in making another Hi-Light a success.



HI LIGHT STAFF  
BACK ROW: D. Rider, O. Spenader, Mr.  
Moogk, Adviser  
FRONT ROW: E. Jewel, R. Leiser

QUILL AND SCROLL  
LEFT TO RIGHT: R. Leiser, D. Morsch, A.  
Kehoe, M. Truckenbrod, J. Klein, Mr.  
Moogk, Adviser



# *Time Marches On to the Strains*



**STANDING:** N. Frizol, D. Krenz, Mr. Schlick, J. Rave  
**THIRD ROW:** T. Auchstetter, S. Castle, A. Elsesser, L. Auchstetter, E. Politsch, R. Sollitt, N. Kratz, L. Schaller, M. Truckenbrod, M. Jacob, P. Bierwirth  
**SECOND ROW:** V. Korneman, S. Nelson, M. Larabee, P. Miller, S. Killion, D. Buck, B. Schwingle, M. Ebbinghaus, J. Truckenbrod  
**FIRST ROW:** R. Jackson, C. Bauer, J. Wilhelm, S. Rave, J. Waller

**T**IME WAITS FOR NO ONE," especially with the band playing "Syncopated Clock," but we enjoyed every minute of it. The band under the capable direction of Mr. Schlick had a very successful year. It was composed of about sixty members, many of whom were freshmen; however the "freshies" soon caught on.

At football and basketball games the band could be heard playing "Victory," "On Mendota," and other songs which added to the school spirit. Also at the football games, interesting half-time programs were presented and were well received. Baton twirlers Joan Gray, Audrey Truckenbrod, and Joyce Heinzeroth, led the band in grand style. A pep band, directed by DeLores Preston and her baritone, furnished music for the pep sessions.

The officers and librarians were well chosen and they faithfully performed their duties throughout

the year. DeLores Preston was elected president; Gene Politsch, vice-president; Jim Rave, secretary-treasurer; Jane Vogelsang and Patti Heininger, librarians.

The grading system this year was different from that used last year. During every grade period each band member was expected to play twelve weeks' work in his exercise book. Of course the band room was kept open for the students' use.

On November 17, 1951, Mendota was host to the North Central Conference Music Festival. Band members and chorus members from ten schools practiced together all day and presented a concert at 8:00 that evening. This was a good opportunity to meet other people interested in music and to learn their ideas; of course it was a lot of fun too. The 150-piece band was directed by Paul Yoder, well-known conductor and composer. Dr. Maynard

# *of "Syncopated Clock" . . . BAND*



STANDING: R. Childers, J. Gray, A. Truckenbrod, J. Heinzeroth

THIRD ROW: H. Campbell, J. Meyer, M. Lang, L. Spenader, K. Clement, J. Kessler, D. Preston, E. Finley, D. Amfahr, P. Heininger

SECOND ROW: C. Schlesinger, E. Jewel, V. Roach, H. Schmidt, J. Sauer, R. Amfahr, D. Piller, C. Pierson, R. Herman

FIRST ROW: M. Campbell, C. Harmon, J. Sibigroth, R. Bauer, J. Vogelsang

Klein of the University of Michigan's school of music led the large mixed chorus. Mr. Schlick chose a number of members of the band to attend the festival.

This year the chorus was not large, but this did not affect its quality. Although it didn't perform at too many functions, the members worked hard and were certainly capable of doing a fine job. A number of girls from this group attended the music festival. Also an excellent sextet was chosen to sing at the music contest.

In addition to this sextet, twelve soloists and seven instrumental ensembles participated in the district music contest held at Morris, Illinois on March 15. Band was dismissed during the last two weeks before contest so that the contestants could practice during the period. They took advantage of every practice room, hall, and any other

place available to them. The accompanists this year were Jane Vogelsang, Rosie Herman, Charlotte Bauer, Ruth Sollitt, and Doris Kramer. These girls devoted much of their time to helping the contestants.

This year the ratings were given as Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, and Poor. Superior was equivalent to first division. Excellent was equivalent to second division, and so on. After a rigid schedule of practicing, the music students were well pleased to receive eleven Superiors and nine Excellents.

Those having Superior were eligible to attend the state music contest held at Jacksonville on May 2. At this contest they met some of the strongest Class B competition in the state. The success of the students was due largely to their intense interest and that of their director Mr. Schlick.

# CHORUS



*Time  
for a Song*

BACK ROW: G. Gillette, A. Burkart, N. Gove, C. Klein, P. Ehlers, J. Welsch, M. Goubeaux, E. Larson, J. Sibigtroth

THIRD ROW: L. Vermillion, E. Wells, R. Bauer, M. Owens, B. Foster, B. Geil, C. Harmon, N. Eich

SECOND ROW: S. Rave, S. Killion, C. Schlesinger, D. Keefe, P. Corcoran, J. Kessler, V. Roach, C. Bauer, B. Martin

FIRST ROW: M. Thomas, A. Weiss, J. Smith, D. Longbein, S. Sweger, J. Corcoran, M. Stevenson, D. Kramer, A. Stremlau

# FESTIVAL BAND AND CHORUS

BACK ROW: E. Wells, C. Klein, P. Ehlers, R. Jackson, J. Truckenbrod, R. Childers, E. Poltsch, J. Vogelsang, E. Larson, N. Gove, C. Harmon, R. Bauer

SECOND ROW: D. Kramer, B. Geil, G. Gillette, J. Wilhelm, J. Waller, C. Bauer, J. Sauer, D. Preston, A. Burkart, J. Sibigtroth, C. Schlesinger

FIRST ROW: A. Weiss, S. Killion, V. Roach, E. Jewel, R. Sollitt, N. Frizol, D. Buck, P. Heininger, M. Thomas, J. Kessler, S. Rave



# *Many Participated in the Annual*

## MUSIC CONTEST

### DISTRICT RESULTS

#### FIRST DIVISION SOLOS

Ross Childers—Tuba      Joyce Sauer—Tenor Sax  
 Ruth Sollitt—Trumpet      Jane Vogelsang—Flute  
 DeLores Preston—  
     Baritone      Eugene Politsch—  
     Trumpet  
 Joan Truckenbrod—Bass Clarinet

#### ENSEMBLES

Brass Sextet	Clarinet Quartet
Ruth Sollitt	Rosalie Jackson
Marienne Jacob	Charlotte Bauer
Doris Amfahr	Elaine Jewel
Jerry Sondgeroth	Joan Truckenbrod
Beverly Schwingle	
Ross Childers	
Brass Trio	Clarinet Trio
Jim Rave	Charlotte Bauer
DeLores Preston	Rosalie Jackson
Patti Heininger	Joanne Wilhelm



#### SECOND DIVISION

##### SOLOS

Doris Amfahr— Trombone	Patti Heininger— Trombone
Jim Rave—Baritone	Joyce Waller—Oboe
Roberta Amfahr—Alto Saxophone	

##### ENSEMBLES

Flute Trio	Saxophone Quartet
Ruth Bauer	Rosie Herman
Jeanene Sibigroth	Roberta Amfahr
Cynthia Harmon	Joyce Sauer
	Harold Schmitt



##### Oboe Duet

Sue Rave  
 Joyce Waller

##### Vocal Sextet

Barbara Geil	Jeanene Sibigroth
Cynthia Harmon	Sue Rave
Ruth Bauer	Elaine Larson



##### ENSEMBLES

BACK ROW: P. Heininger, J. Rave, J. Waller, R. Amfahr, R. Jackson, J. Truckenbrod  
 MIDDLE ROW: C. Bauer, R. Herman, R. Bauer, R. Childers, J. Wilhelm, H. Schmidt, C. Harmon  
 FRONT ROW: J. Sibigroth, E. Jewel, B. Schwingle, R. Sollitt, M. Jacob, J. Sauer, D. Preston, D. Amfahr

##### SEXTET

LEFT TO RIGHT: E. Larson, C. Harmon, B. Geil, Doris Kramer, accompanist, J. Sibigroth, R. Bauer, S. Rave (not pictured)

##### SOLOS

STANDING: J. Truckenbrod, J. Rave, R. Childers, D. Preston, D. Amfahr, P. Heininger  
 SEATED: J. Sauer, R. Amfahr, R. Sollitt, E. Politsch, J. Waller, J. Vogelsang

# ATODNEM—hours, days, nights,



## EDITORIAL STAFF

Here is the core of the Atodnem production staff. Under the direction of co-editors in chief, Darlene Ohlinger and Joyce Roach, and advisers, Miss Breese and Miss Swanson, this staff worked with the co-operative spirit that made this book possible.

**STANDING:** D. Ohlinger, E. Jewel, P. Mealey, Miss Swanson, J. Pohl  
**SEATED:** J. Roach, D. Goubeaux, Miss Breese, M. Harris, L. Thompson, P. McLaughlin

**A**N PRODUCING the Atodnem there are many more jobs to be done than meets the eye. Many of the tasks done by seniors and advisers will never be known about except by a very few. Because everyone has worked with this co-operative spirit we have been able to complete our biggest project of all four years, the Atodnem, and stay within our budget. Every senior has helped in some way to make this book possible whether it be selling magazines or typing a business letter.

Although the hurdles looked high at the time, led by our hard working co-editors in chief Joyce

Roach, senior vice-president, and Darlene Ohlinger, secretary-treasurer, and Atodnem advisers, Miss Breese and Miss Swanson, we came through with flying colors.

Pat Mealey was the art editor and spent many, many hours getting everything "just right" for our division pages. This year associate editors were employed to be in charge of definite layouts. They were Evelyn Sollitt, Orrie Spenader, Shirley Scott, DeLores Preston, Lorna Mae Schlesinger, Ed Bumba, and Bill Prescott. Elaine Jewel undertook the job of recording layouts in the dummy book.



## ASSOCIATE EDITORS

As layouts are done, copy comes in, typing is completed, and the numerous other jobs are completed these people, the associate editors, give a sigh of relief.

**BACK ROW:** L. Schlesinger, D. Goubeaux, S. Scott, W. Prescott, E. Bumba, J. Waller  
**MIDDLE ROW:** P. McLaughlin, O. Spenader, D. Rider, E. Sollitt, D. Preston, E. Jewel, L. Thompson  
**FRONT ROW:** Miss Breese, J. Roach, D. Ohlinger, P. Mealey, M. Harris, J. Pohl

# weeks, months of endless work

## COPY COMMITTEE

This committee under the leadership of Mary Jane Harris wrote, rewrote, put in, and took out bits of copy that would make the final production suitable and adaptable. Miss Breese met untiringly with this committee so "deadlines" could be met.

**BACK ROW:** J. Pohl, J. Truckenbrod, D. Morsch, C. Rich, R. Childers, D. Jones, D. McCollum, R. Leiser

**MIDDLE ROW:** A. Kehoe, E. Jewel, M. Harris, Miss Breese, O. Spenader, T. Auchstetter, B. Schwingle

**BOTTOM ROW:** D. Goubeaux, D. Olson, D. Preston, D. Ohlinger, J. Roach, J. Waller, P. Kessler



Mary Jane Harris, assisted by Donna Goubeaux, was copy editor. She assigned the copy to be written and then spent much time checking and rechecking it before it was sent to the printers. Dora Lee Rider was in charge of senior statistics, assisted by Orrie Spenader. Janice Pohl and Loretta Thompson were in charge of immeasurable amount of typing of captions and copy.

Although there is not a picture of the finance committee on these pages, one may turn to the senior pages and see an individual picture of each

one on this committee. Yes, the seniors can boast that every member of the class was on this committee.

The seniors will never forget the many, long, tiring, but exciting days of work on the Atodnem because by meeting deadlines and seeing the book gradually mold into the finished product we have had the "time of our lives." We shall never be able to give full credit or thanks to Miss Breese and Miss Swanson for helping us mold our book. So we shall just say "thanks ever so much and we hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have."

## TYPING COMMITTEE

A typical picture of the typing committee in action! As fast as the material was submitted this class under Miss Swanson's supervision returned it completed.

**BACK ROW:** R. Auchstetter, C. Cotton

**THIRD ROW:** C. Mann, P. McLaughlin, P. Wood, D. Bruck

**SECOND ROW:** D. Hoelzer, E. Baird, D. Morsch, D. Olson, Miss Swanson

**FRONT ROW:** M. Larabee, D. McNally, L. Schlesinger, J. Pohl, L. Thompson





**STANDING:** D. Morsch, L. Thompson  
**SEATED:** Miss Swanson, C. Rich, W. Meyer, E. Bumba



**BACK ROW:** Miss Swanson, D. Jones, R. Sibigroth, J. Eichorn,  
Miss Brown  
**FRONT ROW:** L. Thompson, P. McLaughlin, D. Buck, R. Auchstetter

#### SERVICE AND DISTRIBUTION

"Who will volunteer to work for the game? Volunteer or get drafted!" Familiar words of Darlene, Loretta, and Ed who did a fine job of securing workers for the game. Clarence Rich and Walter Meyer did a fine job of distributing the Atodnems to the proper places.

#### MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT

What would the class have done without the faithful help of the boys and girls who kept the machinery in working order? Hats off to those that helped with the none too popular job of cleaning and polishing the pop corn machine and ice cream freezer.

#### MECHANICAL ARTS

These four boys started to work early in the year to complete the job of measuring out pages so the editorial staff could work faster and more efficiently.

**LEFT TO RIGHT:** C. Rich, M. Fayen, Miss Breese, D. Hayman, R. Klinefelter



#### PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

This group under the direction of Ruth Auchstetter was determined to beg, borrow, steal, or take snaps for the Atodnem.

**BACK ROW:** C. Rich, D. Hayman, D. Kuehl, V. Young, R. Childers, N. Worsley, H. Schmidt, W. Prescott, R. Leiser  
**MIDDLE ROW:** D. Olson, R. Auchstetter, Miss Breese, J. Truckenbrod, B. Schwingle  
**FRONT ROW:** E. Jewel, L. Thompson, D. Bruck, P. McLaughlin





# MEET CORLISS ARCHER

"MEET CORLISS ARCHER"

## Cast

Mr. Archer .....	Dick Leiser
Mrs. Archer .....	Joan Truckenbrod
Corliss Archer .....	Darlene Ohlinger
Dexter Franklin .....	Jerry Tower
Mr. Franklin .....	Jim Eichorn
Mrs. Franklin .....	Lorna Mae Schlesinger
Louise .....	Janice Pohl
Dr. James .....	John Klein
Agnes Townsend .....	Joyce Waller
Mildred .....	Dora Lee Rider
Betty .....	Elaine Jewel
Nurse .....	Beverly Schwingle

**O**N FRIDAY, November 16, 1951 the seniors presented "Meet Corliss Archer". Much work and many long hours resulted in immeasurable enjoyment when the play was presented before a large audience.

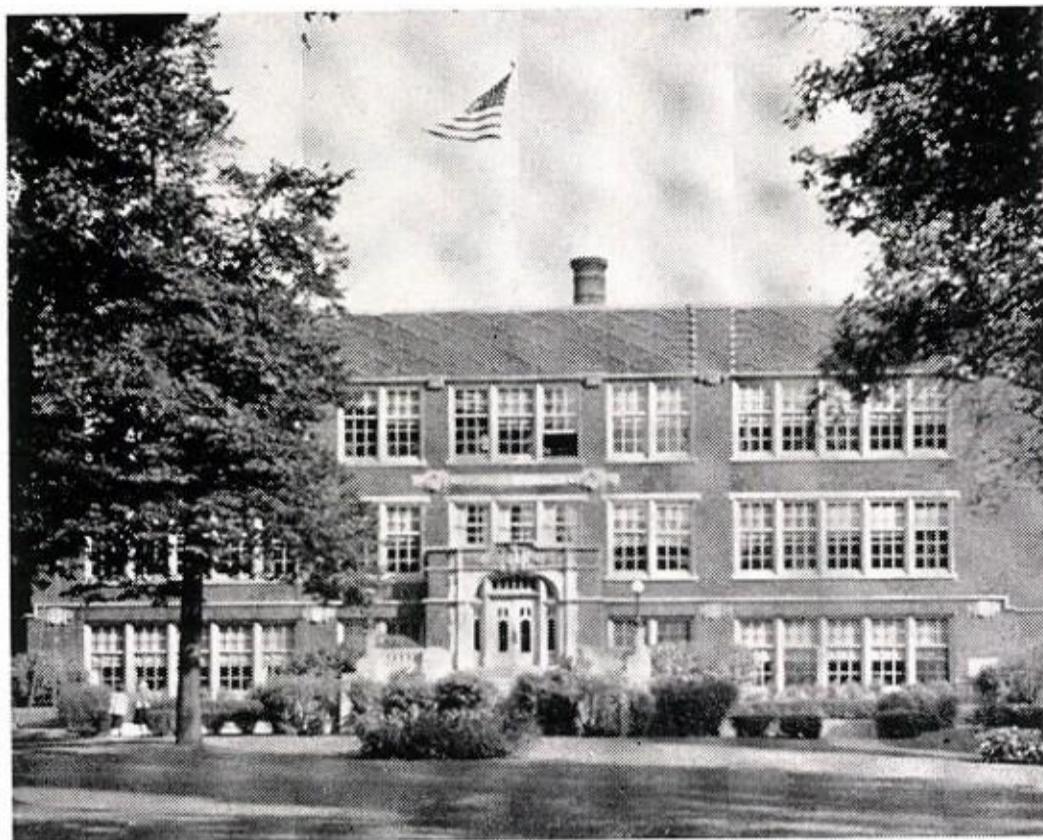
Mr. Moogk directed the play with Joyce Roach as student director. We don't want to forget our prompters, Pat Mealey and Orrie Spenader, who came to the cast's rescue when their lines were forgotten at rehearsals.

This was one of the seniors' big projects for the year. Credit not only goes to the cast members for

the splendid job they did but also to the many fellow classmates who made the production possible by helping out on some committee or by selling tickets.

Various committees in operation were the property and costume committee with Ed Bumba, chairman; the ticket committee who issued tickets and took in the money consisted of two seniors from each U. S. History class; the publicity committee with Marilyn Truckenbrod, chairman, encouraged everyone to come to "Meet Corliss Archer"; make-up committee headed by Pat McLaughlin with Mrs. Doenier, adviser; our ushers who did a fine job of getting everyone seated comfortably; and last but not least our stage crew with Don Jones and Walter Meyer, co-chairmen.

I doubt if many of us will ever forget Dexter's (Jerry Tower) familiar cry of "Corliss... Oh Corr... lisss!!" (Darlene Ohlinger);... Nor Corliss' death scene where we found sobbing Dexter on his knees only to discover it was "all in the act.".... when Mr. Archer (Dick Leiser) just couldn't find his bottle—of pills of course. .... nor that cranky, snoopy, narrow-minded, unpleasant old maid, Cousin Agnes (Joyce Waller) .... or John Klein with his gray, distinguished-looking mustache and beard.



## Our CALENDAR

### *The Time*

Sept. 4 After three long months of happy anticipation, the portals of dear old MHS were swung wide and classes in this great institution of learning commenced—Oh heck, why are we kidding ourselves—After three short months of glorious vacation, the dreaded day arrived; school began!

Sept. 14 Our first football game of the season, and our boys really proved they were mighty tough competition by defeating Amboy.

Sept. 18 "Say cheese—and smile 'perty', we're going to have our pictures taken today." Home room and football pictures were also taken Wednesday and senior pictures were finished up Thursday.

Sept. 31 We met some of our toughest competition Friday night, and although the boys lost, it was a great moral victory inasmuch as we lost by only three points to the mighty Hall squad.

Sept. 31 "What the dickens is that?" This and many similar exclamations were heard when the student body was presented with a program on

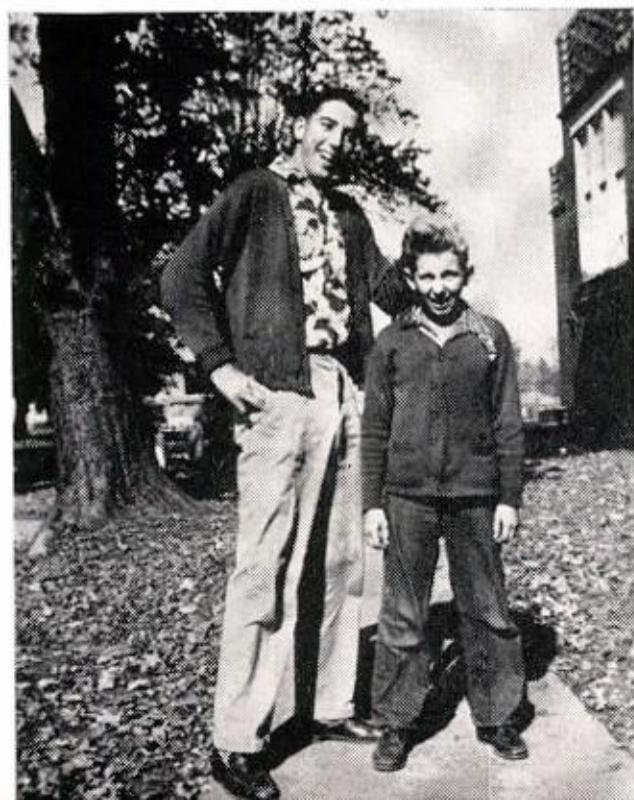
the life of the otter. This assembly proved to be most interesting and educational.

Oct. 2 Another assembly—already? Who said nothing ever happens around here! This time Mr. and Mrs. Nolan provided us with a very entertaining juggling act.

Oct. 5 One of the year's highlights—homecoming —King Doug and Queen Mary with their royal court reigned supreme over the annual homecoming parade, and the hard-driving Trojans won another conference battle. Everyone caught the true homecoming spirit with mums, shakers, and pennants. We shall always remember the swell dance after the game held in the gym which was beautifully decorated in an oriental setting. The student council can proudly point to another well-planned and completely successful homecoming.

Oct. 10 "I know I didn't deserve a "D" in Algebra!" That's right, our first report cards of the year. Wow, we never heard so many moans and groans!

Oct. 25 Now we're really progressing, two as-



# *Records of Our Lives*



semblies in one day! In the morning we were given a pep talk on the annual magazine campaign, and in the afternoon "Bertelles Birds" performed for us.

Nov. 1 The speech participants gave an assembly program on the U. N. The purpose of the program was to further our understanding of the United Nations. Nevertheless, Bill Gardner provided a little humor when he portrayed Russia's delegate, Jacob Malik. In the middle of a heated debate, Bill lost his mustache and couldn't get it to stick on again. The incident produced quite an effect!

Nov. 6 "Phew, wasn't that one test a stinker?" Today the juniors and seniors took state exams issued by the University of Illinois.

Nov. 10 The biology class took a trip to Chicago and visited the aquarium, museum, etc. But from all reports the most interesting part of the trip was on the way home! The debate squad also took a trip to Lake Forest College and brought home with them some mighty fine records!

Nov. 14 Yessirree, we're real proud of our boys;

today football awards were presented and the squad proudly displayed another conference championship.

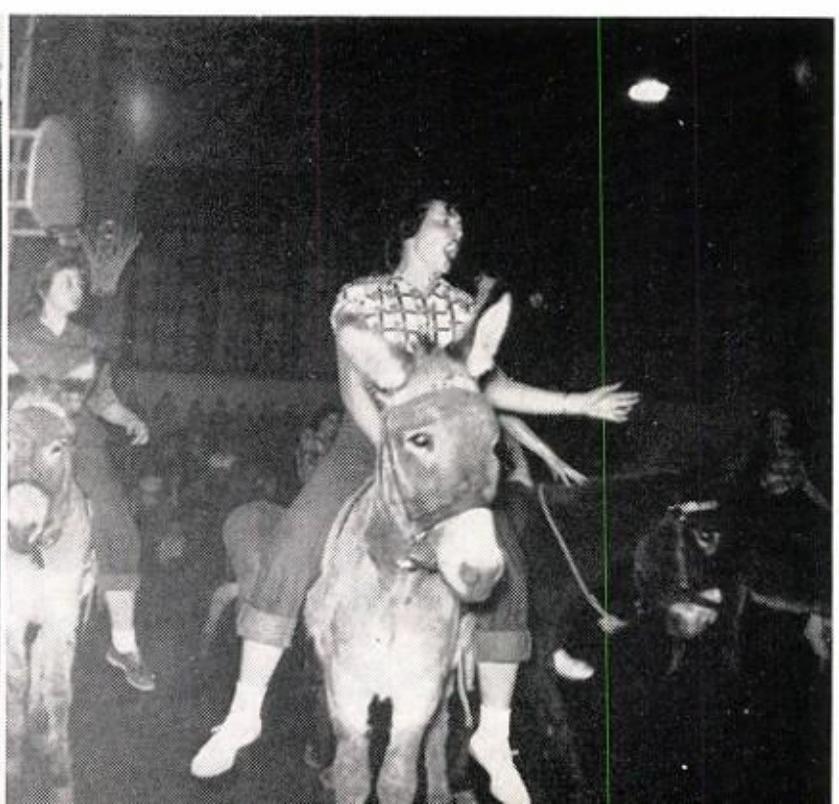
Nov. 16 "Meet Corliss Archer"—who was played very well by Darlene Ohlinger, and we shall ne'er forget Jerry Tower's memorable portrayal of Dexter Franklin and his inevitable croak—"Holy cow!"

Nov. 17 Gee, it seems like everything comes all at once! The conference music festival was held here, and a debate at La Grange.

Nov. 27 We all brought our moms and pops to school tonight because it's open house with refreshments, entertainment, and everything!

Nov. 30 A sad day in the life of the MHS basketball boys—our first game of the season, and we lost to the Earlville Earls.

Dec. 21 The spirit of Christmas is in the air despite the bad weather, and the beautiful strains of our favorite Christmas carols give us a wonderful feeling. The FHA did a fine job of planning the party for this afternoon and we all had a swell



# *Once upon a Time — When*

time. Because of the blizzard today, about half of the students were absent.

Dec. 20 Snow, snow, and more snow! The Christmas basketball tourney was cancelled because of the weather conditions.

Dec. 22 Just think—over a week to loaf! But when we get back we'll need another week to rest up from vacation!

Jan. 18 Well, we've reached the half-way mark, for today ended the first semester; boy, that really went fast! Another thing that makes this such an eventful day—we defeated the Hall "Red Devils"!

Feb. 5 "Swing yer partner round 'n round"—The all school party (barn dance style) was a big success.

Feb. 8 Hoo-Rah! Teachers' institute; no school today—for us, that is!

Feb. 9 Mendota was well represented in the conference drama held at Ottawa. The group presented a real chiller of a play entitled, "Which is the way to Boston?"

Feb. 15 Basketball fans were amazed, for today was one of the biggest upsets of the year—Our powerful Trojans proved their ability on the hardwood by defeating Rock Falls (1st in the conference) by a 63-61 score!

Feb. 23 After weeks and weeks of practice, the day of the conference speech contest arrived. The long hours of hard work paid off, though, since many of our orators were given the privilege to advance to the district contest.

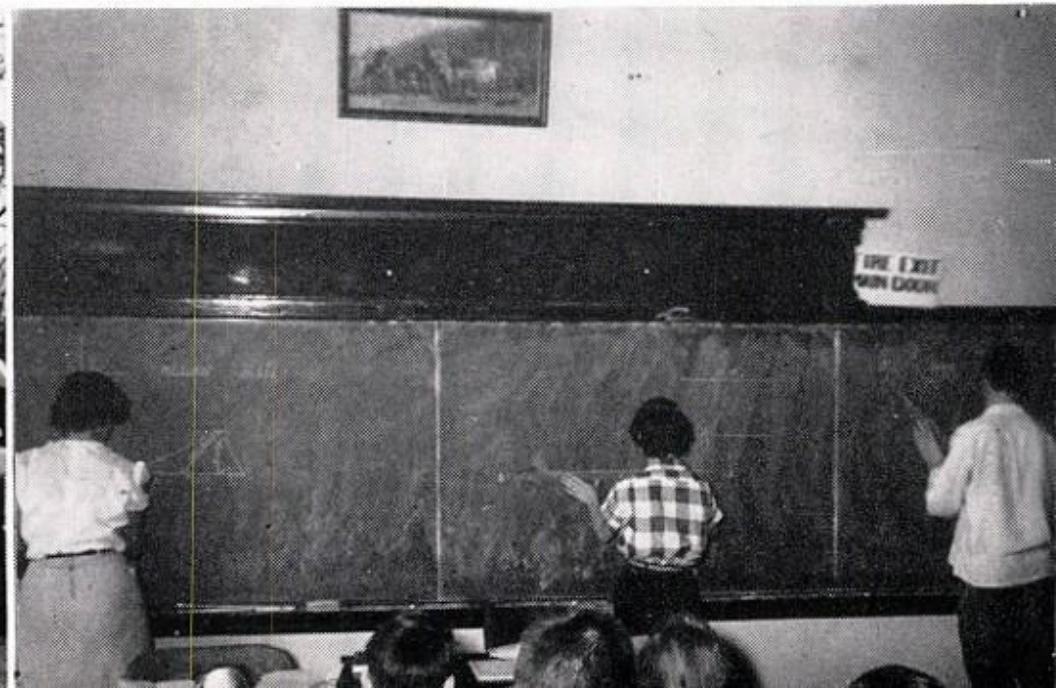
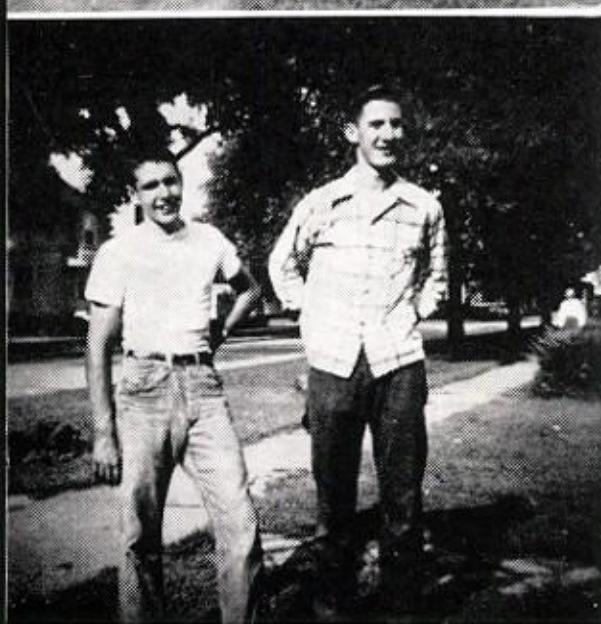
Feb. 29 We wound up the basketball season with an 11 win and 10 loss record by defeating South Beloit 55-29.

Mar. 1 "Resolved: That all American citizens should be subject to conscription in time of war." The public was invited to witness the conference debate rounds which were held here.

Mar. 5 Say, did you notice how the teachers were all dressed up in their best "bib 'n tucker" today? Reason—the faculty had their pictures taken for the Atodnem.

Mar. 10 "Now this won't hurt a bit."—"Ouch!! Nope, didn't hurt at all!" These were the familiar exclamations heard when we had our T. B. shots, but most of us would just "grin and bear it"!

Mar. 12 "Giddap, you stubborn jackass!—Hurry, get that ball!"—It sure is a lot of fun to watch a donkey basketball game.



# *we were a couple of kids*

Mar. 15 Just imagine—11 firsts and 9 seconds! Yep, that's the record our music contestants brought home from the district music contest held at Morris.

Mar. 19 "It sounds like music from heaven"—maybe more fact than fiction, for what could be more heavenly than the lovely strains of a harp? We were very fortunate to hear harpist Christine Carr in an assembly this morning. Mrs. Carr's talents weren't confined to the harp either—she sang, played the piano, and gave a humorous monologue—"a one woman show"!

Apr. 4 Whew—what an awful smell! The chemistry class made hydrogen sulfide today.

Apr. 5 "Bout time we had a little rest; We're plumb tuckered out from all this here 'larnin'!" (Sounds like it, doesn't it?)

Apr. 18 "They're off!"—Our first track meet of the year, held with Amboy. The fellows compiled a 'purty' commendable record too! In fact, we won the meet!

Apr. 25 "And the band played on." We had an assembly program today presented by the Havana grade and high school band. Everyone listened very intently to the lovely strains of "Luspiel" and tapped their feet to the rhythmic beat of "Dry Bones".

Apr. 29 Say, the track boys were really on the ball today. The varsity squad compiles 76 points against Marquette varsity's 39. The frosh-soph also won by a 51-47 score. On the 440 the Mendota boys took the first five places and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in high hurdles. Now that's really stealing the show!

Apr. 30 The "Diversified Occupations" class was honored at a banquet tonight. Members of the band provided dinner music. It turned out to be a real swell affair!

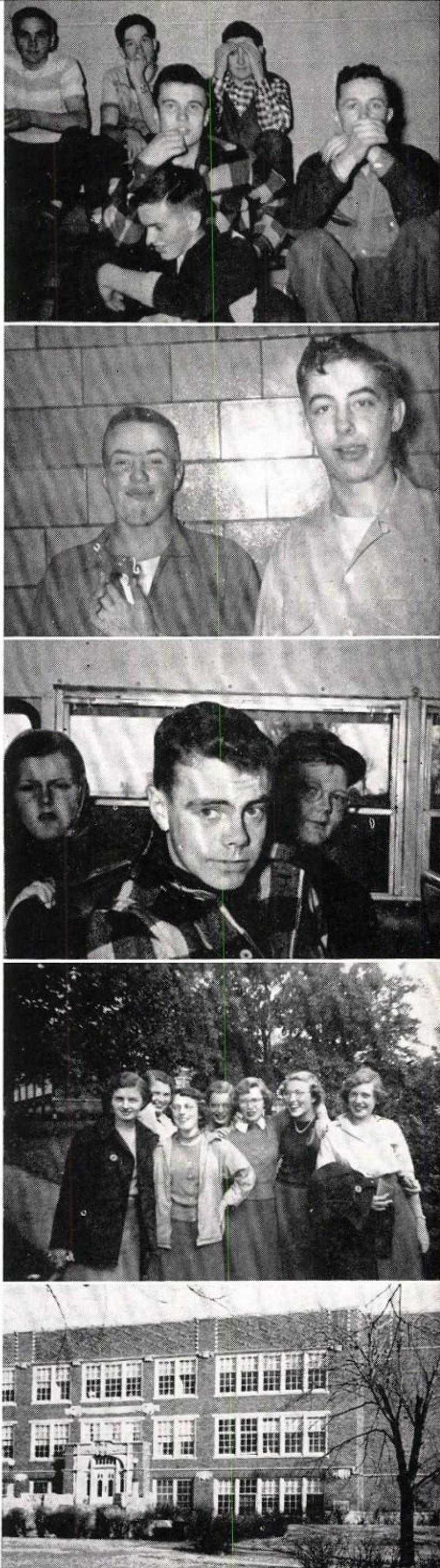
May 2 Those lucky music contestants got a whole day off for state music contest today but you'll have to admit they deserved it after all the hard work and long hours of practice. The contest was held at Jacksonville, Illinois and the group travelled "via school bus" — more fun!!

May 16 The day for the Junior Class Play, "Men are Like Street-Cars" has finally arrived and what a wonderful performance! Joanie Sonntag is certainly following in the footsteps of her "big sister" as far as her acting ability is concerned. She did a swell job!

May 24 We're really in style this year; Imagine—the Stork Club! The juniors worked very hard planning the prom and their efforts certainly paid off.

Jun. 4 "Everybody bring a sack lunch for the picnic today." What a swell picnic to end up the school year! We really had some exciting baseball games, too!

Jun. 5 Never thought we would make it, but miracles do happen! Yep, we all got our diplomas—finally!



VARSITY FOOTBALL FRESH SOUP FEETBALL

*Time for*



CHEERLEADERS VARSITY BASKETBALL

*Playing*



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**FROSH SOPH AND FROSH BASKETBALL TRACK**

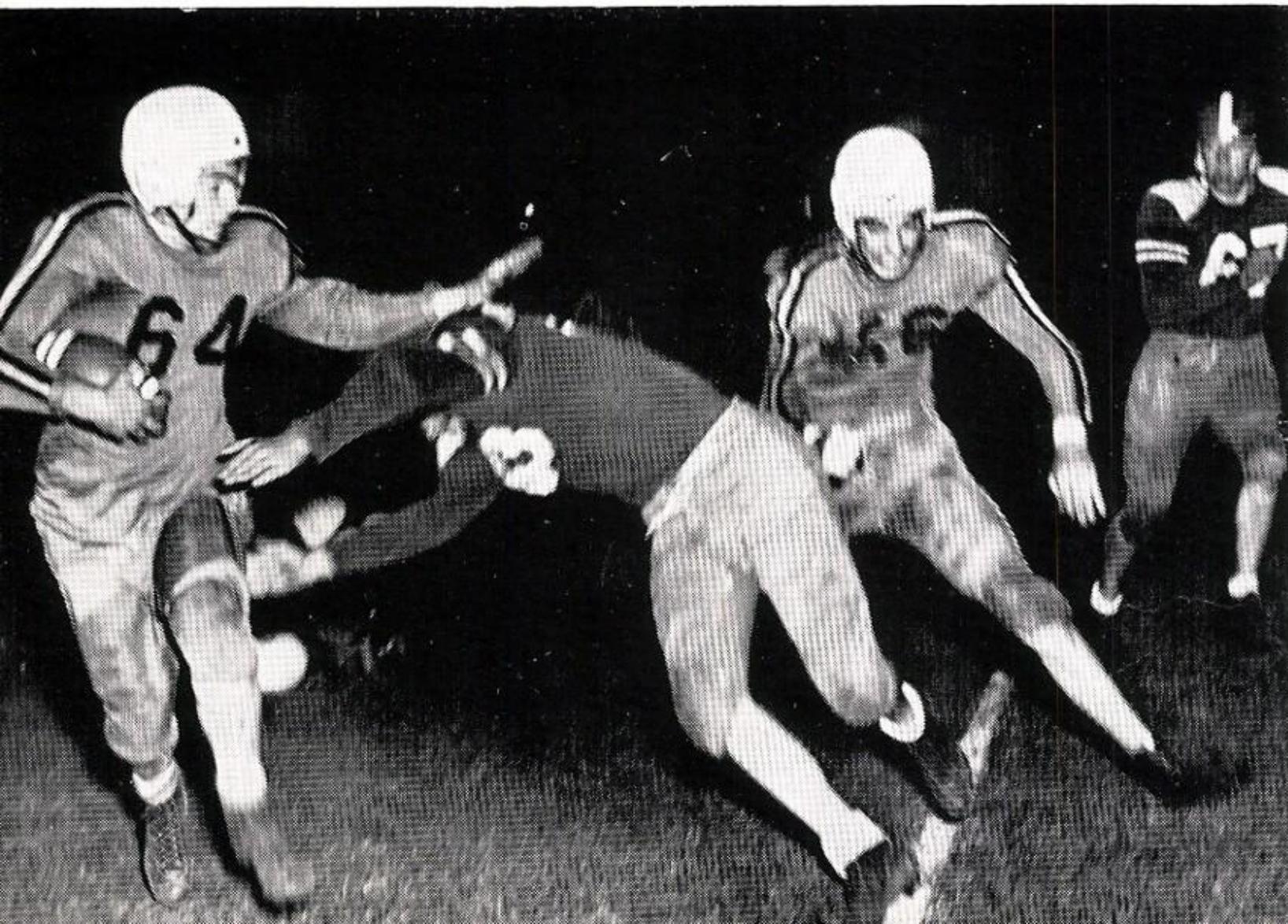
# TIME WELL



Jerry Hochstatter (11) scores for Mendota in the De Kalb game.

*When the athletic clock comes to a stop, one can turn back the hands of time and contemplate the amount of time spent. A great amount of time is needed in preparation before the actual athletic competition. The total number of man hours compiled by all the athletic participants is 15,025 man hours. The basketball players put in 4,349 man hours. The football squad comprised 8,360 man hours. The track men were responsible for 2,316 man hours.*

Mendota's hard running fullback, Clarence Rich (64), straight arms a would be tackler in the Geneseo game, which we won 19-6. The Mendota player running interference is Bob Sibigroth (66).



# SPENT



Good blocking by Bill Gehler (80) enabled Walter Klinge (60) to make many fine runs against the Amboy Clippers in the season opener, which Mendota won by a score of 27-7.

Leonard Dunn (34) sank another jump shot in the varsity game with Hall, as Mendota won by the narrow margin of 46-43. The game was close throughout and provided many thrills for the fans.



# VARSITY



BACK ROW: G. Olson, R. Gillette, D. Sterchi, R. Garrity, G. Wood, C. Rohr  
 MIDDLE ROW: Coach Lewis, C. Rich, E. Peasley, D. Danekas, R. Childers, D. Van Etten  
 FIRST ROW: R. Budach, R. McConville, J. Keefe, M. Fayan, H. Johnson

*Take Time Out to Cheer*

#### VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

WE	THEY	WE	THEY
27 Amboy	7	20 Rochelle	7
13 Spring Valley	18	25 Rock Falls	7
13 Ottawa	13	32 Princeton	12
19 Geneseo	6	33 Morris	0
Total .....	182		70

#### INDIVIDUAL PLAYER STATISTICS

Player	T.D.'s	E.P.'s	Total
Rich .....	14	0	84
Dunn .....	6	0	36
Klinge .....	4	11	35
Peasley .....	1	0	6
Danekas .....	1	0	6
Sterchi .....	1	0	6
Keefe .....	1	0	6
Wood .....	0	1	1
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>180</b>

\*One safety scored bring the Trojans' total points to 182 for the season.

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Statistics	Mendota	Opponents
First downs .....	80	56
Net yards rushing .....	1192	687
Net yards passing .....	806	563
Total yardage .....	1998	1250
Total points .....	182	70
Passes attempted .....	123	119
Passes completed .....	46	35
Passes incomplete .....	67	61
Passes intercepted .....	10	23
Punts .....	29	33
Net yards punts .....	938	1103
Average yards punts .....	36	33
Fumbles .....	9	16
Ball lost on fumbles .....	6	12
Yards lost penalties .....	595	425

#### INDIVIDUAL YARDAGE

Player	Carried	Net Yds. G'd	Average
Rich .....	112	546	4.9
Klinge .....	67	336	5.0
Johnson .....	12	101	8.4
Sterchi .....	19	67	3.5
Keefe .....	12	48	4.0
Fayan .....	4	44	11.0
Dewey .....	7	33	4.7
Spitz .....	2	9	4.5
Danekas .....	2	5	2.5
Garrity .....	1	5	5.0
McConville .....	3	3	1.0

# FOOTBALL



BACK ROW: R. Klinefelter, E. Nance, W. Klinge, W. Gardner, L. Spitz, B. Dewey  
 MIDDLE ROW: L. Dunn, J. Hochstatter, J. Gehler, D. Kuehl, R. Fitzsimmons, Coach Rollins  
 FIRST ROW: W. Gehler, D. Karl, J. Longbein, N. Phalen, J. McKenzie, Manager

## *a Winning Trojan Team*

### VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER

NAME	POSITION	YEAR	LETTER
Budach, Richard	Tackle	Jr.	Minor
Childers, Roger	Guard	Sr.	Major
Danekas, Dale	Q. Back	Sr.	Major
Dewey, Bruce	H. Back	Sr.	Major
Dunn, Leonard	End	Sr.	Major
Fayen, Max	Q. Back	Sr.	Major
Fitzsimmons, Robert	Guard	Jr.	Major
Gardner, William	Center	Jr.	Major
Garrity, Ronald	H. Back	Jr.	Minor
Gehler, Bill	Guard	Jr.	Major
Gehler, James	End	Sr.	Minor
Gillette, Roger	Guard	Jr.	Minor
Hochstatter, Jerry	End	Jr.	Major
Johnson, Harry	H. Back	Jr.	Major
Karl, Dave	Center	Sr.	Major
Keefe, Jack	F. Back	Sr.	Major
Klinefelter, Ronald	H. Back	Sr.	Minor
Klinge, Walter	H. Back	Soph.	Major
Kuehl, Donald	Tackle	Sr.	Major
Longbein, Jerry	Guard	Jr.	Major
McConville, Richard	H. Back	Jr.	Minor
Nance, Ernest	Guard	Jr.	Minor
Olson, Gary	H. Back	Jr.	Minor
Peasley, Ed	End	Jr.	Major
Phalen, Nick	Center	Jr.	Minor
Rich, Clarence	F. Back	Sr.	Major
Rohr, Curtis	Tackle	Jr.	Major
Sibigroth, Bob	Tackle	Sr.	Major
Spitz, LaVerne	H. Back	Sr.	Minor
Sterchi, Doug	H. Back	Jr.	Major
Wood, Jerry	End	Jr.	Major
Van Etten, Dan	Tackle	Jr.	Minor

### TACKLING CHART

Tackler	Tackles made	Tackles missed
Gehler	109	3
Gardner	69	1
Longbein	50	1
Wood	48	1
Sibigroth	46	0
Peasley	41	1
Karl	40	1
Kuehl	34	3
Johnson	33	1
Klinge	24	0
Hochstatter	14	0

### N.C.I.C. FINAL STANDINGS

#### Southwest Division

	W	L	T	TP	OP
Mendota	4	0	0	97	32
Geneseo	2	2	0	56	46
Princeton	2	2	0	58	66
Rochelle	2	2	0	28	52
Rock Falls	0	4	0	20	62

#### Northeast Division

	W	L	T	TP	OP
DeKalb	3	0	1	80	33
Hall	3	1	0	117	28
Sterling	2	1	1	53	59
Dixon	1	3	0	49	120
Ottawa	0	4	0	12	71



Walter Klinge (60) runs for extra yardage around end before being tackled in the Rock Falls game.

## Karl & Peasley

## 1951 Trojans

## Successful

**W**HEN THE SOUND of the final gun had faded away, a review of Mendota's 1951 football season portrayed one of the most spirited teams in a number of years.

The aerial-minded Trojans ended up the season with a 6-1-1 record. Mendota successfully defended its crown as champion of the Southwest Division of the North Central Conference. The Trojans were dealt their one setback by Hall's championship squad and were held to a 13-13 stand off by the Ottawa Pirates.

Thirty-one enthusiastic lads responded to Coach Ted Lewis' summons to practice on August 28. Among these were only three returning lettermen and six other boys who had seen action on last year's team. However, the nucleus of this year's squad was formulated by a number of boys who had moved up from last year's Frosh-Soph team. Joe Rollins coached the aggressive Mendota linemen and drilled them in football fundamentals. After all had been given satisfactory opportunity to develop their potentialities, the mentors decided upon the following starting lineups: Ends—Leonard Dunn and Edward Peasley; tackles—Robert Sibigroth and Don Kuehl; guards—Bill Gehler and Jerry Longbein; center—Dave Karl; quarterback—Dale Danekas; halfbacks—Walt Klinge and Doug Sterchi; fullback—Clarence Rich. On defense Harry Johnson played the safety position, and Bill Gardner held down the linebacker's berth. Jerry Wood was sent in to play defensive end, and "Pete" Hochstatter backed up the staunch Mendota line from the halfback position.

Much credit should be given to those un-sung heroes, the scrappy second and third strings of the team. The T-team kept the varsity boys on their toes throughout the week, as they scrimmaged the top 11 in preparation for Friday's night contest.

Mendota High School's Trojans dominated the all-conference teams named from the North Central Conference. Clarence Rich, Mendota's leading ground gainer, was voted fullback of the all-conference first team. Bill Gehler, outstanding Trojan lineman, and end Leonard Dunn also received first team nods. Bill Gehler received an honorable mention on the Chicago Tribune's annual All-State selections. Clarence Rich and Bill Gehler were selected to an All-Northern squad, chosen by Rockford Morning Star sport writers. Second team positions on the all-conference berths went to Trojans Walt Klinge, backfield; Ed Peasley at end; Bob Sibigroth at tackle; Jerry Longbein at guard; and Dave Karl at center.

The Trojans played host to the Amboy Clippers in the initial game of the season. The Mendota 11 walked off with a convincing 27-7 decision over their arch-rivals. Mendota's devastating aerial circus accounted for two tallies. The combination of Klinge and Dunn was responsible for two Mendota penetrations into the pay-dirt territory. The line play was outstanding considering the lack of experience of the Mendota forward wall.

The following week the Mendota lads ventured to Spring Valley, where they clashed head on with a highly rated Red Devil team. The Trojans out-

# *Co-Captained through a Most Season*

played the Hallmen, pre-game favorites by from 2 to 3 touchdowns, in every quarter but the third before finally bowing 18-13. Klinge aerials were responsible directly or indirectly for both tallies.

An inspired Mendota 11 spotted the Ottawa Pirates two touchdowns, then roared back to tie the Pirates 13-all. The Trojans upon finding it difficult to gain on the ground, switched to their air attack, which netted them 160 yards. Klinge hurled the pigskin for two T. D.'s. Danekas and Sterchi were on the receiving end of the well-aimed tosses.

A capacity throng witnessed Mendota's annual homecoming contest. The tilt was the Trojans' first N. Central Conference game. Coach Lewis' boys marched to two first period tallies, and then coasted to an easy 19-6 victory over the Geneseo Maple Leafs. Klinge pitched three touchdown aerials. Leonard Dunn snared two of the tosses and Mendota's sticky-fingered end, Edward Peasley, filtrated through the Geneseo pass defense for the other touchdown. The Trojans displayed a tight pass defense which limited the Maple Leafs to only two completed passes.

The following Friday, a turf-pounding Trojan team charged its way into undisputed lead of the Southwest Division of the N. C. C. with a 20-7 win over the Rochelle Hubs. The Mendota pass defense baffled the Rochelle receivers who were covered like a blanket in the secondary. Fullback Clarence Rich toted the ball 21 times and plowed for all three Mendota markers. The Trojans' forward wall



Clarence Rich (64) drives through a host of Morris tacklers in a one sided game with Mendota winning 33-0.

led by Bill Gehler, and Bill Gardner gouged truck-sized holes in the Hubs' line.

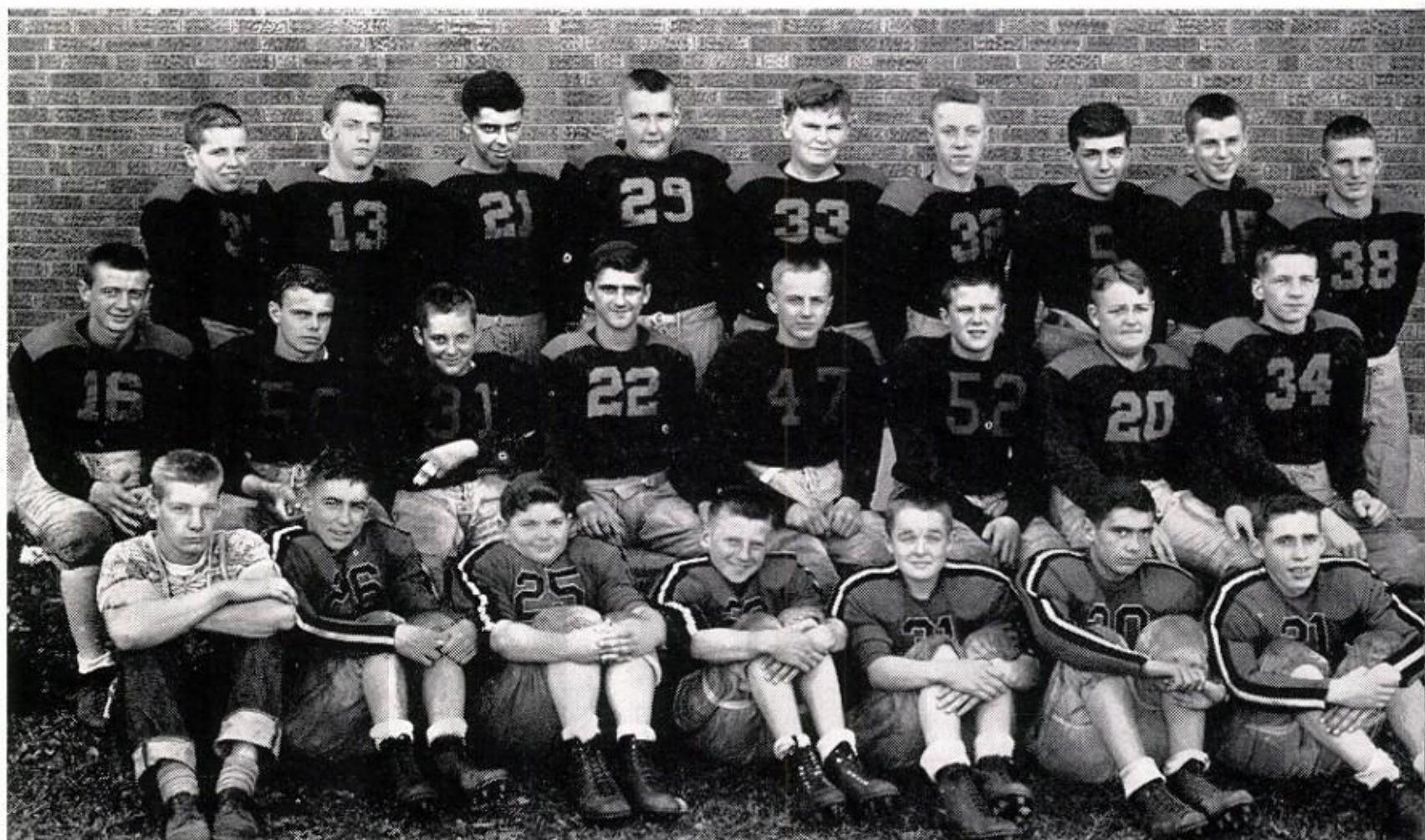
The Trojans traveled to Rock Falls for their next conference tilt. Featuring a well-balanced offensive attack, the Mendota Trojans downed the Rock Falls Rockets 25-7. Leonard Dunn snared a long aerial from Walt Klinge for one T. D., and Clarence Rich carried the mail for three thrusts into the promised land. The Trojans were never in serious trouble as they marched to two first-quarter tallies and then breezed to their third straight victory.

The Mendota eleven extracted the teeth of the Princeton Tigers by the tune of a 32-12 drubbing. The Trojans' line held the speedy Princeton backs in check for most of the game. The Tiger backs penetrated the Mendota line for a net of only 43 yards. Clarence Rich, the Trojans' hard running fullback, plunged over for four Mendota T. D.'s. Walt Klinge, Mendota's sophomore sensation, tallied the other Mendota 6 points.

Sub-freezing weather prevailed at Mendota's grand finale of the season. Coach Ted Lewis' iron-clad pass defense completely baffled the Morris Redskins, who connected on only two passes for 20 yards. Clarence Rich bucked for three journeys into pay dirt, bringing his total of the season to 13 T. D.'s. Keefe and Klinge tunneled their way into the end zone on separate occasions.

Let's hope that next year's aggregation will inherit this team's spirit and determination, which mark a championship squad.

# F R O S H - S O P H



BACK ROW: W. Hare, E. Klinge, G. Sibigroth, R. Childers, R. Lucas, D. Piller, J. Faber, D. Schwingle, R. Steve  
MIDDLE ROW: D. Hof, R. Smith, R. Brown, W. Bird, J. Hamblen, L. Schlesinger, L. Gulick, R. Worsley  
FIRST ROW: G. Morrow, A. Spenader, W. Andrews, J. Mealey, W. Peasley, T. Driver, D. Oberholz

**T**HE SCRAPPY Jay Tees battled their way to a commendable season, as Coach Doenier's lads copped the runner-up position in the Southwest Division of the NCC. Despite the lack of experience of the squad, having no returning lettermen, the Jay Tees exhibited some potent offensive, as their ground attack ground out valuable yardage.

The Mendota eleven played host to the Amboy Frosh-Soph in the season opener. The Jay Tees jarred the lid off of the 51 season by romping to a 12-6 victory. Chuck Harmon snared a last minute aerial from Curt Truckenbrod, and sprinted 70 yards within shadow of the visitor's goal post. Truckenbrod promptly clinched the contest by plowing into the promised land, giving Mendota a six point spread.

Scoring their lone touchdown in driving rain, the Jay Tees battled a powerful Hall squad to a 6-6 standoff. Glen Fischer, Curt Truckenbrod, and Jim Faber supplied the offensive punch for the Jay Tees. Truckenbrod circled around right end to ring the Mendota six pointer.

The Ottawa Corsairs proved to be a worthy foe by trouncing the Jay Tees 21-6. The game was a

wide open affair, as both teams gained consistently on the ground. Dick McMahon gathered in Fischer's aerial for the lone Mendota marker.

Scoring their single touchdown in the opening period, the Geneseo Maple Leafs shaded a determined Jay Tee squad 7-6 before local fans. Mendota's hard running tailback, Glen Fischer, smashed into the end zone for the Mendota thrust. It was the initial conference contest for the enthusiastic Mendota turf pounders.

The Jay Tees ran wild in the next home encounter by overwhelming the Rochelle junior varsity 18-7. The Mendota staunch forward wall of Sibigroth, Childers, Klinge, Hare, Lucas, Worsley, and Morrow held the opponent backs to limited yardage. Sibigroth, Fischer, and Morrow all made one venture into the pay dirt territory, as the Jay Tees chalked up their first NCC decision.

Rallying to the challenge with only two minutes remaining in the contest, the Jay Tees took the measure of the Rock Falls junior Rockets 12-7 in a highly contested game. Glen Fischer proved to be Mendota's offensive threat by scoring both tallies, one on a 5 yard plunge and the other on a 41 yard jaunt around left end.

# FOOTBALL



BACK ROW: G. Beardsley, J. Brown, R. McMahon, H. Jackson, R. Morrow, C. Truckenbrod, C. Howarth, J. Fassig,

G. Fischer, Coach Doenier

MIDDLE ROW: J. Auchstetter, L. Schaller, A. Pohl, C. Harmon, T. Vickrey, D. Krenz, W. Gorman, D. Kessel

FIRST ROW: R. Bane, W. Rich, A. Munson, J. Sondgeroth, J. Cook, D. Keefe

Traveling to Princeton on the following Friday the Mendota eleven massacred the Princeton Frosh-Soph 24-7. The Jay Tees exhibited some high powered football by piling up 200 yards on the ground. Curt Truckenbrod scampered for two Mendota markers and Chuck Harmon scored once as did Glen Fischer. Mendota held the Princeton backs to a total of 59 yards on the ground.

Coach Merrill Mann's Trojettes compiled a 3-2 record as the Freshmen lads displayed spirit and team play which they can carry over to next year's squad. Don Kessel, Warren Peasley, and Dick McMahon carried the mail over the goal line on numerous occasions. The Trojettes downed Rochelle, Ottawa Marquette, and Princeton. The Ottawa and Rochelle Frosh delivered setbacks to the Trojettes.

#### MINOR LETTER WINNERS

Beardsley, Gary	McMahon, Richard
Brown, Jimmy	Morrow, Richard
Childers, Ross	Piller, Delbert
Faber, James	Pohl, Art
Fischer, Glen	Schlesinger, Leon
Hambien, John	Schwingle, Duane
Hare, Wilbur	Sibigroth, Gail
Harmon, Charles	Smith, Richard
Jackson, Hugh	Steve, Roland
Klinge, Ed	Truckenbrod, Curt
Krenz, Denny	Worsley, Robert

#### FROSH-SOPH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

WE	THEY	WE	THEY
12 Amboy	6	18 Rochelle	7
6 Spring Valley	6	12 Rock Falls	7
6 Ottawa	21	24 Princeton	7
6 Geneseo	7	—	—
		84	61

#### INDIVIDUAL PLAYER STATISTICS

	Touchdowns	Extra Points	Total
Truckenbrod HB	6	0	36
Fischer HB	5	0	30
Morrow E	1	0	6
Sibigroth E	1	0	6
McMahon E	1	0	6
Harmon HB	1	0	6

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	Mendota	Opponents
First downs .....	65	37
Yards gained rushing .....	964	571
Yards gained on passes .....	234	232
Total yards gained .....	1198	803
Passes attempted .....	34	48
Passes completed .....	12	12
Yards lost on penalties .....	245	170
Fumbles .....	9	6



VARSITY  
CHEERLEADERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: D. Martin, S. Biers, J. Sonntag, D. Ohlinger

## CHEERLEADERS



**W**ITH AN 'M'! C'mon everybody, let's YELL!" The fine spirit and enthusiasm of the varsity cheerleaders, Darlene Martin, Joan Sonntag, Darlene Ohlinger, and Sharon Biers, helped to lead the Trojans to the football conference championship for the second consecutive year. Whether on the home field or on the road, the student body and cheerleaders were always "rootin' for the boys!" They also inspired the basketball boys to win many a closely contested game. Planning pep sessions and practicing kept the girls busy, but they were always willing to sacrifice a little extra time.

The sparkling personalities of Frosh-Soph cheerleaders Patti Miller, Marjorie Campbell, Yvonne Durand, and Diane Keefe, also led the Jay Tees to many victorious conquests. Loud, clear voices and grace were characteristic qualities of all these cheerleaders — So "Time Out" for fifteen "Rahs" to some really swell gals, with plenty of vim, vigor and vitality.

FROSH-SOPH CHEERLEADERS  
D. Keefe, P. Miller, M. Campbell, Y. Durand (not pictured)



BACK ROW: Coach Doenier, H. Schmidt, R. McMahon, L. Dunn, J. Hochstatter, D. Van Etten  
 SECOND ROW: C. Rohr, M. Fayan, H. Johnson, W. Gehler, D. Sterchi, J. McKenzie  
 FIRST ROW: D. Welty, W. Gardner, J. Wood, R. Fitzsimmons, E. Peasley

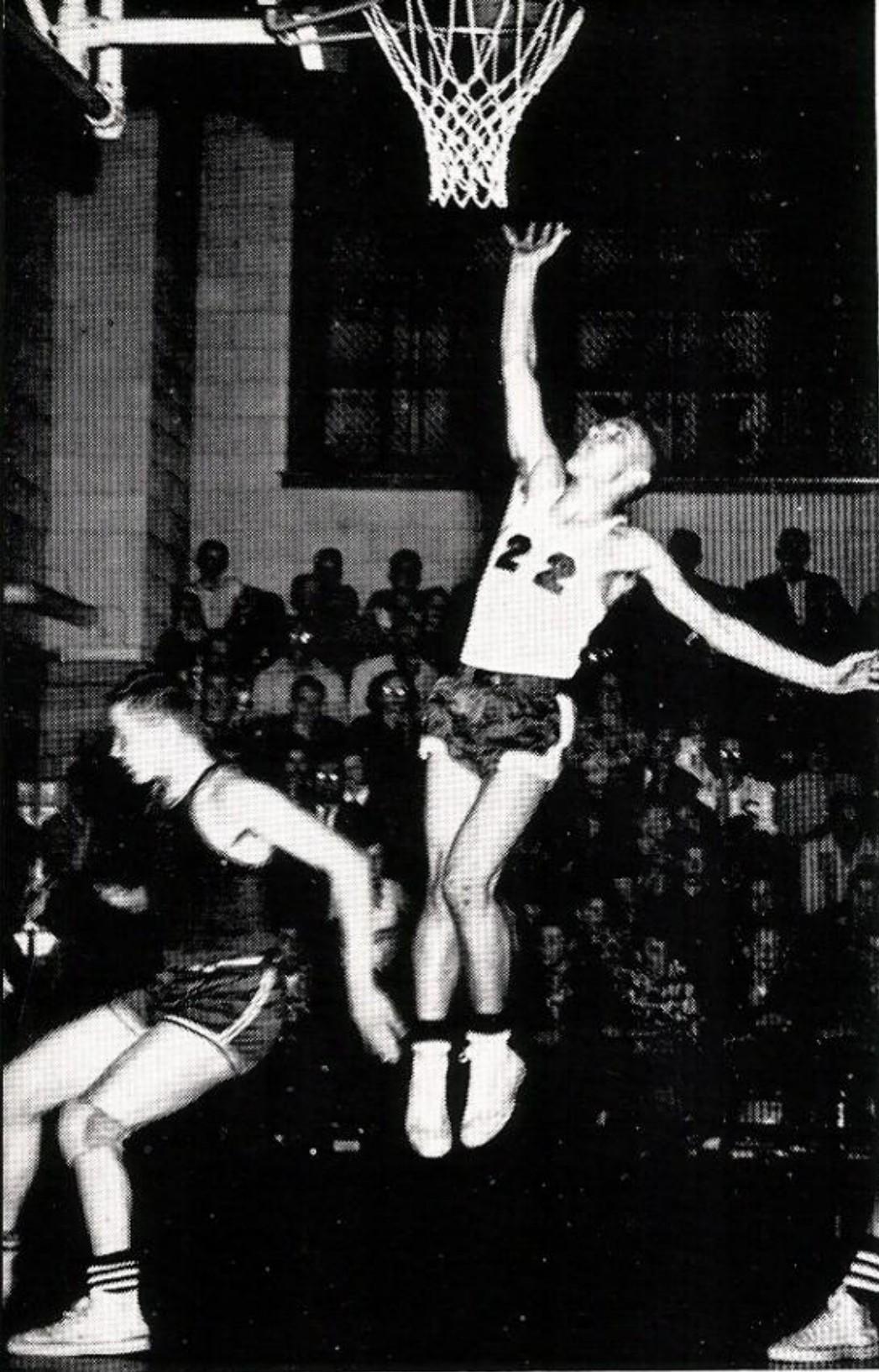
# VARSITY BASKETBALL

*Leonard Dunn — Co-captains — Harry Johnson*

## VARSITY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

### F.T.

	F.G.	F.T.A.	Made	PCT	P.F.	T.P.
H. Johnson .....	123	70	40	.57%	62	286
J. Hochstatter ..	44	80	48	.60%	69	136
Leonard Dunn ..	88	88	61	.69%	89	237
Ed Peasley .....	32	37	21	.57%	54	85
D. Sterchi .....	43	56	35	.62%	81	121
Bill Gehler .....	14	55	20	.36%	38	48
Max Fayan .....	6	10	2	.20%	9	14
D. McMahon ...	12	29	15	.51%	24	39
B. Fitzsimmons ..	2	7	4	.57%	7	8
D. Van Etten ...	13	16	6	.31%	29	32
Bill Gardner ....	2	7	2	.28%	13	6
H. Schmidt ....	2	8	2	.25%	16	6
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>.55 %</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>1018</b>



Harry Johnson (22) scores another drive in shot, many of which were witnessed by enthusiastic spectators during the season.

## ***Games Thrill***

**W**HEN THE FALL season was ushered out and Old Man Winter began to prevail, Mendota's athletic interest turned to basketball.

Nineteen boys displayed their talents on the hardwood, of which twelve comprised the nucleus of the squad throughout the entire season.

The hoopsters from last year's Frosh-Soph squad moved up to fill vacant berths, as Leonard Dunn was the lone holdover from last year's starting five.

The second string, consisting of Dick McMahon, Max Fayen, Bill Gardner, Howard Schmidt, and Bob Fitzsimmons, scrimmaged against the starting five in daily practice sessions. The reserves kept the regulars keyed up for the main contest. The following boys comprised the starting five for most games: Forwards—Harry Johnson and Jerry Hochstatter; center—Leonard Dunn; guards—Ed Peasley and Doug Sterchi. Bill Gehler and Dan Van Etten also saw a great deal of action, alternating at guard and center respectively.

The Earlville Earls took the measure of the Mendota five in the season opener, as they dealt the Trojans a 50-37 setback.

The Trojans traveled to South Beloit, where they registered a 43-35 win, their first of the season. The Trojans went on to win the next three games, taking decisions from Amboy, Ottawa Marquette, and Princeton.

The locals lost a heart-breaker in their next outing, as they maintained a decisive edge over the powerful Sterling Golden Warriors before fouls hindered the Mendota attack in the final stanza. The undefeated DePue squad rolled over the Trojans 79-50, but Dunn sparked the Trojans with 21 points. Granville fell easy prey to the Trojans in the next game, as the Trojans carried off a 52-35 decision.

The Geneseo Maple Leafs were Mendota's next conference foe, as they edged the Trojans 48-47. The Trojans made a terrific comeback by quickly regaining their scoring touch to down highly regarded Hall Red Devils 46-43. Mendota bagged 50% of their shots from the floor, and Peasley topped the evenings count with 15 tallies.

The Sweet Sixteen bound Ottawa carded an easy 57-35 win over the Mendota five, and on the next

### **VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

WE		THEY
37	Earlville .....	50
43	South Beloit .....	35
46	Amboy .....	39
49	Ottawa Marquette .....	41
55	Princeton .....	50
47	Sterling .....	52
50	Depue .....	79
52	Hopkins .....	35
47	Geneseo .....	48
46	Hall .....	43
35	Ottawa .....	57
39	Ottawa Marquette .....	64
45	DeKalb .....	62
40	Depue .....	73
49	Rochelle .....	58
49	Earlville .....	45
67	Amboy .....	48
63	Rock Falls .....	61
61	Dixon .....	36
55	South Beloit .....	29
50	Depue .....	76

# *Fans at Home and Away*

evening, Ottawa's basketball representatives made it a grand slam, as Marquette romped over Mendota 64-39.

The DeKalb Barbs swamped the Trojans 62-45 in a highly contested game on the local hardwood. Depue and Rochelle handed the Mendota cagers successive defeats.

The next entanglement proved to be one of the most exciting and closely fought contests of the season, as baskets by Johnson and Fayen in an overtime session iced a 49-45 win over the Earlville five. The Mendota sharpshooters swirled the rim for 67 points, season high for Mendota, as the local boys trounced Amboy 67-48.

The Trojans reached their peak in the next game, as the Mendota offensive worked to perfection. A hot Mendota five grabbed a last-quarter lead and upset the NCC co-champions, the Rock Falls Rockets 63-61. Harry Johnson surpassed the Mendota individual scoring mark for one contest, by funneling in 28 tallies.

On February 22, the Trojans had little trouble in turning back the visiting Dixon Dukes 61-36. Dunn and Johnson were the only players to break into the double figures, as they pumped in 19 and 17 points respectively.

The Trojans climaxed their regular season schedule by romping over South Beloit 55-29. The Trojans advanced to the regional tournament at St. Bede, where they were matched against the pre-tourney favorites, the strong Depue Little Giants. Depue grabbed their third decision from the Trojans by dropping Mendota 76-50.

The Trojans rounded the season's play with a 11-10 rating. Harry Johnson, Mendota's set shot artist, spearheaded the Trojans with 286 points. Leonard Dunn, Mendota's lanky center, was a steady man from the free throw line, as he flipped in 61 out of 88 charity attempts for a 69% mark.

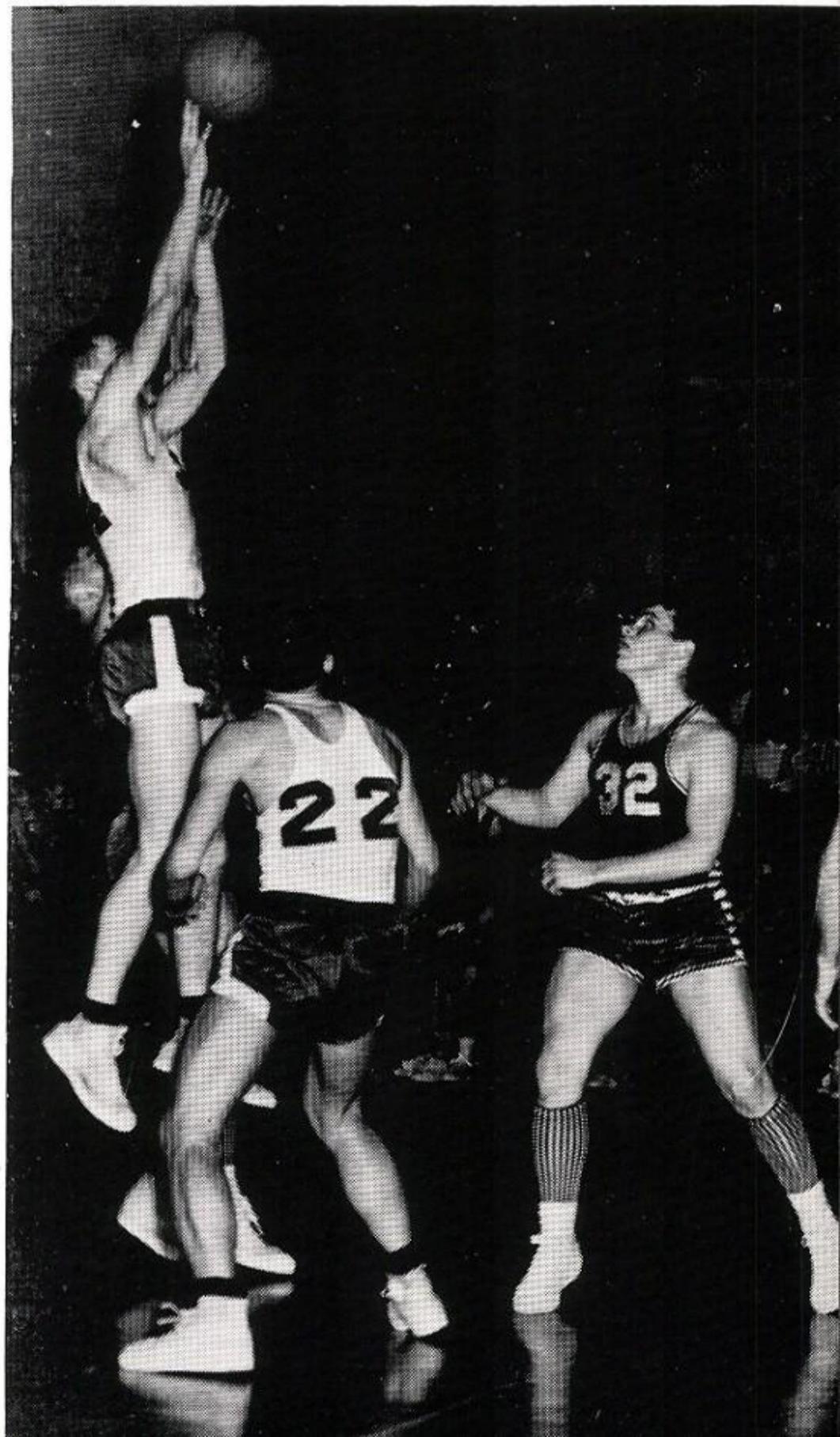
Leonard Dunn and Harry Johnson were selected co-captains by the team. The 1951-52 season was the last for Leonard Dunn, Max Fayen, and Howard Schmidt.

Coach Doenier will be greeted next year with a veteran squad, having four regulars and most of the reserves back. Hard work and spirit should formulate an outstanding team for next year.

## VARSITY BASKETBALL LETTER WINNERS

Dunn, Leonard, Major	Johnson, Harry, Major
Fitzsimmons, Bob, Minor	McMahon, Dick, Major
Fayen, Max, Major	Peasley, Ed, Major
Gardner, Bill, Minor	Schmidt, Howard, Major
Gehler, Bill, Major	Sterchi, Douglas, Major
Hochstatter, Jerry, Major	Van Etten, Dan, Major

Leonard Dunn (34) jumps high into the air to sink one for the Trojans, as Harry Johnson (22) looks on.





**BACK ROW:** Coach Lewis, D. Hof, G. Sibigroth, J. Brown, G. Beardsey, W. Lemmer, C. Truckenbrod, H. Jackson, Mgr. G. Morrow  
**FIRST ROW:** J. Sondgeroth, D. Kessel, D. Schwingle, D. Piller, W. Klinge, C. Harmon, E. Vickrey, D. Oberholz

## FROSH-SOPH BASKETBALL

MENDOTA'S Jay Tees computed a commendable 14-6 record for the 1951-52 season. The junior cagers copped the fifth place berth of the North Central Conference. Eight sophomores and seven freshmen comprised the fifteen-man squad. Coach Ted Lewis taught the hoopsters the fundamentals of the game, and they exhibited good shooting skill throughout the season, bagging 33% of their shots from the floor.

The Jay Tees opened their basketball campaign with a 45-35 run up of the Earlville raiders. David Hof hit the hoop for 18 points. The Mendota five sprayed the net on 46% of their shots, as they dropped the South Beloit team 57-33 in their next encounter. The locals rolled to a new scoring record by sweeping their third straight victory 67-28 over the Amboy Clippers. The "Whiz Kids" kept their undefeated streak alive by downing Marquette High 42-31.

The Princeton Junior Tigers nosed out the Jay Tees 53-56 in the first conference tilt. A last quarter rally enabled the Sterling squad to edge the locals 43-40 in their second conference game. A powerful Depue aggregation knocked off the slumping Jay Tees 46-35 at Depue. The Mendota squad built up a commanding first-half lead as they went on to defeat the Granville team 49-25. Wayne Lemmer supplied the scoring punch in the next

contest as the Junior Trojans rang their first conference decision 39-36 over Geneseo. The Jay Tees racked their seventh win of the season as they took the measure of the Hall Red Devils 37-33 on the Mendota hardwood.

A torrid second-half pace enabled the Mendota five to come within a single point of the rangy Ottawa Corsairs, before the NCC leaders from Ottawa finally turned back the determined Jay Tees 49-46. Curt Truckenbrod was Mendota's most productive player, as he pumped in 22 tallies. Jumping off to a good first-quarter lead, Mendota registered a 43-40 win over the Marquette Frosh-Soph. The DeKalb Junior Barbs dealt the locals their third conference setback 39-36 at Mendota. The Mendota Jay Tees gained sweet revenge for their previous loss to DePue, by upsetting the Little Giants, 38-33. The victory snapped a sixteen game winning streak for DePue. It was essentially a team victory, as the starting five all turned in commendable performances.

The Jay Tees began to hit their stride, as they ground out a 34-32 win over Rochelle and rolled up an easy 57-38 run up of Earlville. David Hof carried off the scoring laurels by swirling the rim for 21 points, as the Mendota squad trimmed the Amboy Clippers 49-44. Rock Falls proved to be

# Successful Season for Jay Tees

easy prey for the sharp-shooting Jay Tees as Coach Ted Lewis' lads outpointed their foe 51-40.

A desperation last minute shot provided the margin of victory for the Dixon Dukes as they punched their way to a 37-34 win over the oncoming Jay Tees. Don Kessel, Mendota's long shot artist, swished in 6 long shots and coupled those with a charity contribution for a grand total of 13 tallies. The Jay Tees rang down the curtain on their successful season by outscoring a stubborn South Beloit aggregation 44-36. Curt Truckenbrod, Mendota's tower of strength under the hoop, poured in 23 tallies, the individual high of the season.

Curt Truckenbrod, Mendota's 5-11 center, was the main cog in the Mendota offense by tallying 190 points. Wayne Lemmer was Mendota's most consistent player from the free throw line, as he flipped in 44 out of 73 attempts for a 60% average. David Hof was another offensive threat with his one-hand push shot which proved disastrous to many opposing teams. Walt Klinge and Don Kessel were the ball handling aces of the squad. Kessel was especially effective in dribbling through the opposing defense. Chuck Harmon, Delbert Piller, Duane Schwingle, Jim Brown, and Gary Beardsley formulated a scrappy second team. Tom Vickrey, Jerry Sondgeroth, Don Oberholz, and Gail Sibigroth acquired valuable experience, and gave it all they had when in the game.

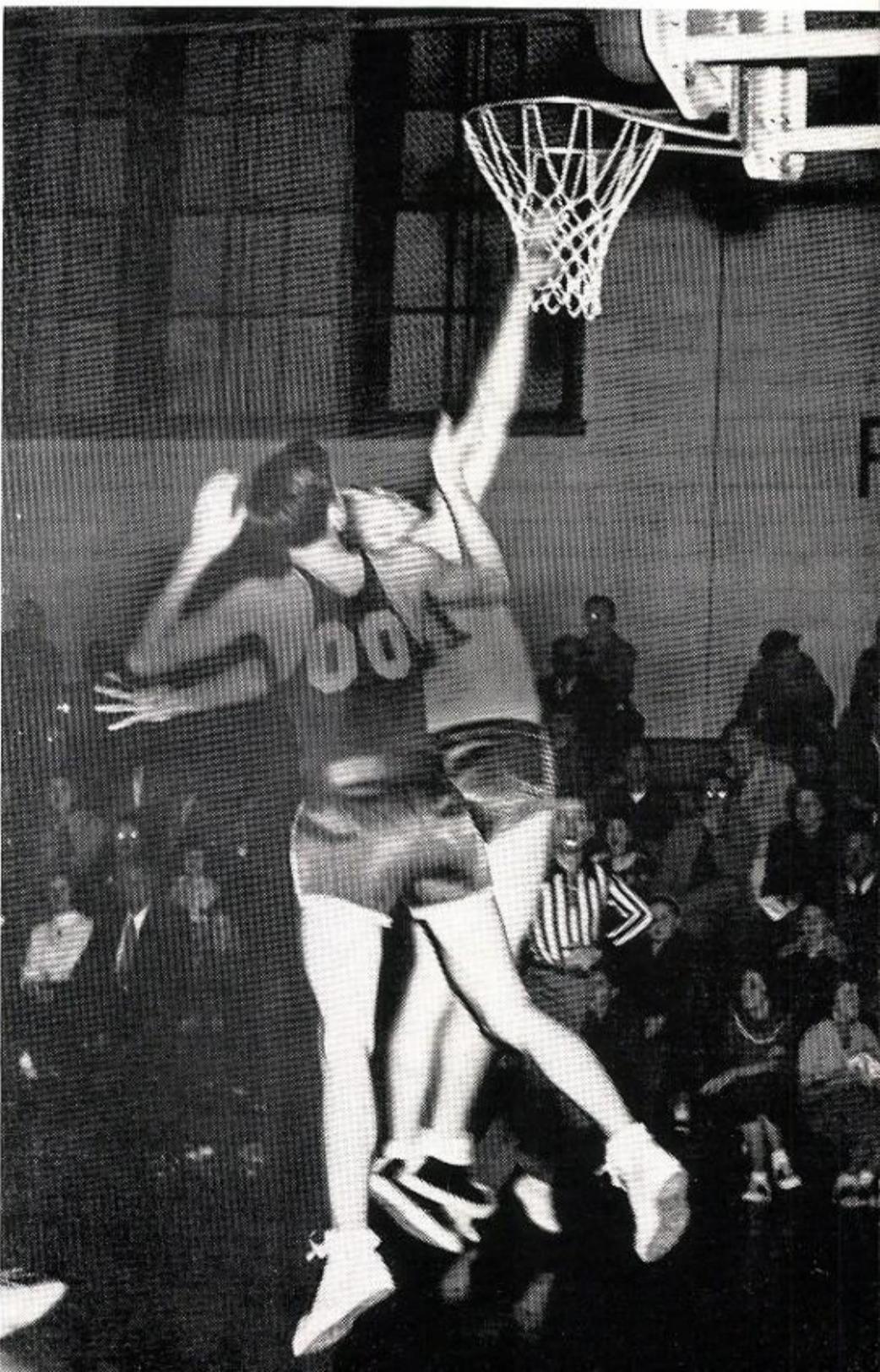
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34	Dixon	37
44	South Beloit	36

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Wayne Lemmer (00) sinks a basket in the frosh-soph game with Marquette, as Mendota triumphed 42-31.



## FROSH-SOPH MINOR LETTERMEN

W. Lemmer	D. Kessel
D. Hof	W. Klinge
C. Truckenbrod	C. Harmon

## FROSH-SOPH BASKETBALL STATISTICS

	F.T.					
	F.G.A.	F.T.A.	Made	PCT	P.F.	T.P.
Truckenbrod	79	74	32	43%	57	190
Hof	69	81	39	48%	54	177
Lemmer	64	73	44	60%	51	172
Kessel	36	45	25	56%	42	97
Klinge	30	69	34	49%	45	94
Harmon	20	29	10	34%	20	50
Schwingle	9	8	6	75%	8	24
Piller	7	14	5	36%	12	19
Sondgeroth	6	8	5	63%	0	17
Brown	6	16	5	31%	22	17
Beardsley	6	7	1	14%	14	13
Oberholz	4	8	1	13%	6	9
Vickrey	3	3	1	33%	6	7
Sibigroth	1	5	1	20%	0	3
Jackson	1	3	1	30%	1	3
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	341	443	210	6.05	338	892



LEFT TO RIGHT: L. Wendel, K. Eichorn, A. Stiel, J. Auchstetter, A. Pohl, E. Manning, R. Bane, E. Klinge, J. Etzbach, L. Lewis,  
K. Zimmerlein, Coach Gehler

## THE TROJETTES

**A**N LINE WITH the athletic program for Mendota High's sports minded youths, Coach Gilbert Gehler master-minded the freshman Trojettes through an eight game agenda. Fourteen prospective candidates responded to Coach Gehler's summons to practice. Even though practicing late at night and under adverse conditions, the enthusiasm of the players was never stifled. It is probable that the experience which the boys acquired as Trojettes will prove valuable when the players

advance to the Frosh-Soph team.

Jerry Auchstetter walked off with freshman scoring laurels. The team lacked something to be desired in height but the scrappy Trojettes more than made up for that handicap with their spirit and determination. Players who saw considerable action were Earl Manning, Ken Zimmerlein, Dean Keefe, Art Pohl, Keith Eichorn, and Warren Peasley.

### VICTORY

On Mendota! On Mendota!  
March right down that line.  
Roll the ball around the fellows,  
Touchdown every time. (You, Rah! Rah!)  
On Mendota! On Mendota!  
We must keep our name;  
Fight, fellows, Fight! Fight! Fight!  
We'll win this game.

# T R A C K



STANDING: Coach Doenier, Coach Lewis, D. Danekas, A. Richard, R. Childers, C. Rich.  
KNEELING: D. Leiser, D. Nelson, B. Prescott

 N APRIL 20, 1951, Mendota opened its track schedule with a credible 65 1/3-47 2/3 points victory over the Amboy Clippers. The Mendota thinclads copped all but one of the five field events. Mendota carried off all nine points in the shot put, which was topped by Duane Nelson's 41 foot heave. Al Richard's 10 7/10 seconds in the 100-yard dash and Fitzsimmons' time of 19 seconds in the 120-yard high hurdles brought Mendota two winners in track events.

Thursday, April 26, Mendota placed third in a triangular affair with Princeton and Ottawa. Ed Peasley picked up one of Mendota's two firsts as he traveled the mile in 5 minutes 14 4/5 seconds. Dale Danekas brought home the other first with a 118-foot 1 1/2 inch throw in the discus, bettering the mark he made in the season opener by three feet.

On Wednesday, May 2, Mendota was host to the LaMoille, and the Trojans walked off with an impressive 65-43 triumph. Leonard Dunn reached his best mark in the high jump, as he cleared 5 feet 8 inches, and Bill Prescott glided 18 feet 11 3/4 inches in the broad jump.

Mendota began to hit their stride as they rolled to a 59 1/4-53 1/4 points win over Amboy, followed up that win with an easy 71-42 dual win over Ottawa Marquette. The Mendota squad earned only 1 point in the district meet at Ottawa, as Dunn tied for third in the high jump.

Mendota rounded out its season on a sour note by bowing to Rock Falls 81-30, to Rochelle 73 1/2-36 1/2, and the Dixon Dukes also eked out a 58-55 victory over the MHS tracksters.

## VARSITY LETTERMEN

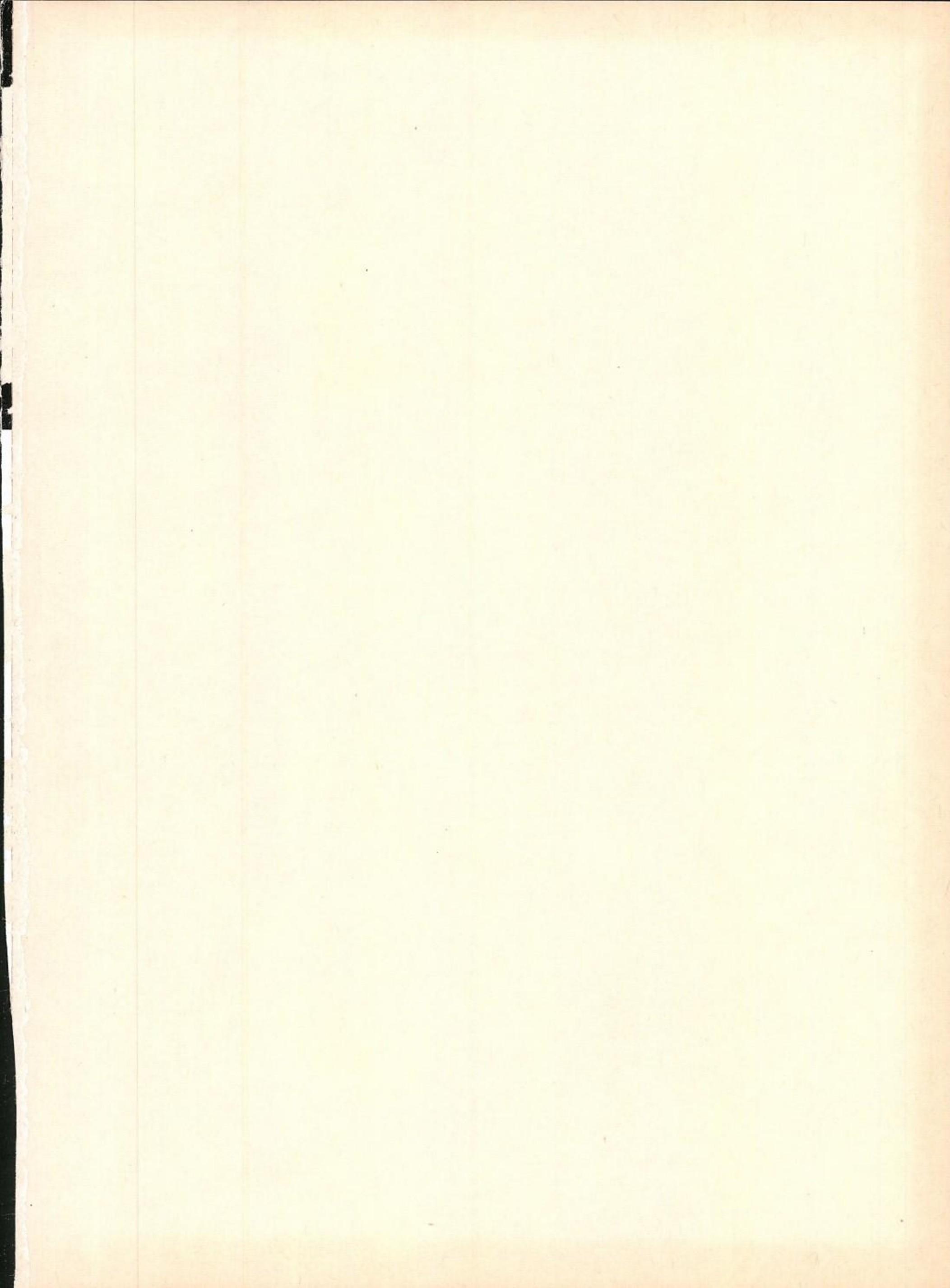
R. Fitzsimmons—Major	H. Jackson—Major
D. Schwingle—Major	L. Dunn—Major
G. Olson—Major	J. Wood—Major
W. Klinge—Major	Wm. Prescott—Major
E. Peasley—Major	R. Leiser—Minor
W. Castle—Major	C. Truckenbrod—Minor
H. Johnson—Major	J. Lang—Minor
D. Danekas—Major	Jr. Nance—Minor
D. Nelson—Major	A. Richard—Major

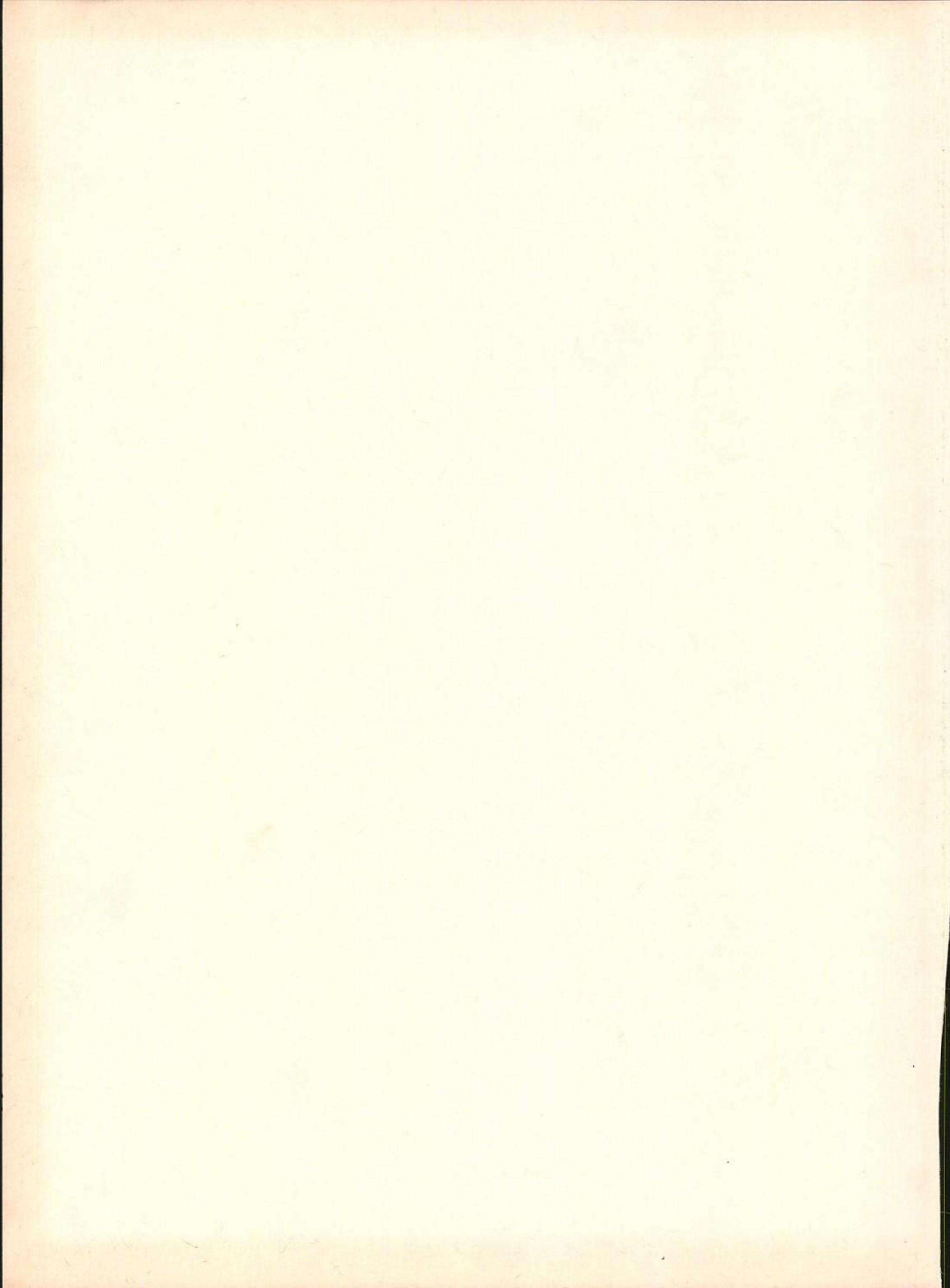
Al Richard speeds across the finish line to win the relay from Amboy.



# AUTOGRAPHS

Louis Lort  
is a short  
big man  
tall hair always  
smiling  
(Rionne)  
"51"





Good Luck during  
next year of art  
Albert Elsesser  
'54

To one swell pal  
many all Japs suffer

Best of Luck  
Larry Gubich

Best of Luck  
in your future  
Year at M.H.S.  
Bill Galloway  
"Galloway"  
'54

